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The secrets of the Black Cancer and the Angels' long-time examination of the Earthian finally comes to light...and the consequences are not what anyone ever expected. Chihaya is distraught when he discovers just what Michael has been hiding from him, and becomes withdrawn. But in the end, the consequences of Chihaya's relationship with Kagetsuya may prove to be even more disturbing! As the Angels prepare to invade Earth, Elvira and her cohort of Black Angels ready their defenses. Chihaya and Kagetsuya must finally decide where their loyalty lies–and if it even lies with each other anymore!

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CORONATION IN HEAVEN

"Black angels, you shall be called Fallen, for you are demons who have fallen to Earth."

"Nay, we are the righteous ones."

YAMA-SAKI?
HE'S NOT HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I HAVE TO GIVE HIM THIS DISK.
I JUST WANTED TO RETURN A DISK THAT YAMASAKI HAD LENT ME.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IN, THOUGH. OUT ON BUSINESS?
—YAMASAKI'S PARTNER.
?
HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL. HE'S ILL. YOU DIDN'T GIVE IT TO HIM, DID YOU?

YUP, WE'VE GOT SOME
IS THERE ANY OF LUNCH "A" LEFT?
OH MAN, I'M LATE FOR LUNCH.
IF YOU DON'T COME EARLY TOMORROW, THOUGH, YOU WON'T GET ANY
NOT REALLY WE MADE TOO MUCH BECAUSE THE CALL FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER WAS LATE.
LUCKY ME!
HOSPITALIZED?
WITH MORE ANGELS BEING HOSPITAL-IZED, WE NEED TO MAKE FEWER LUNCHES. WASTE NOT, YOU KNOW?
ABOUT THE NUMBER OF LUNCHES WE SERVE.
THE MEDICAL CENTER CALLED YOU?

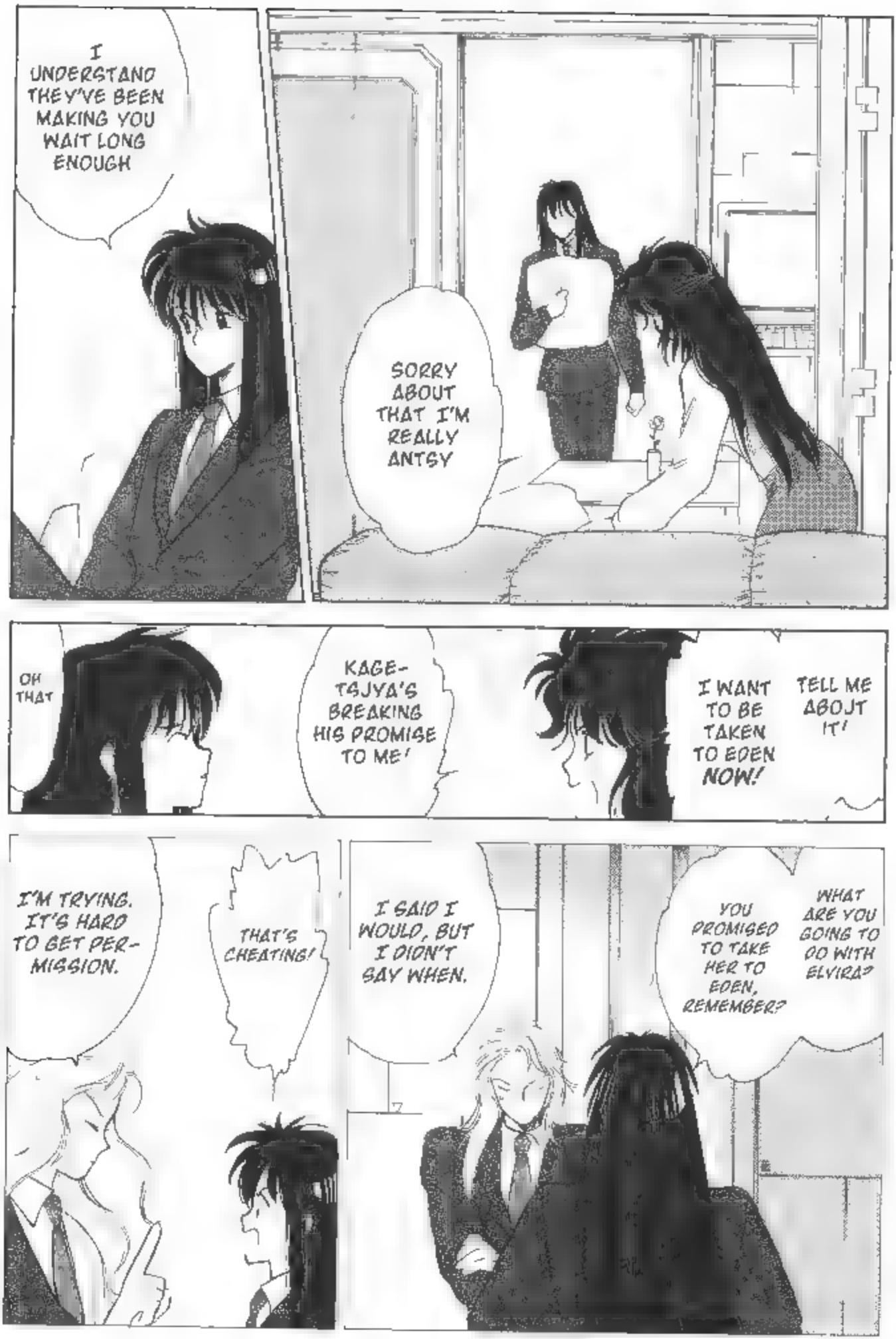
I GUESS
. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF EMPTY SEATS LATELY.
KAGE-TSUYA! WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU VISITED THE MEDICAL CENTER?
ガタガタ
DO I LOOK SICK? I FEEL FINE.
THAT DOESN'T MATTER! ANSWER AYA NOW!
OKAY, OKAY.
I GUESS. . THE LAST PERIODICAL MEDICAL EXAM?
THEN YOU MUST GO AGAIN IMMEDIATELY!
THEY'LL AUTOMATICALLY CHECK IT FOR YOU IF YOU GO!

WHY? I DON'T HAVE A SPOT OF BLACK ON ME ANYWHERE.
CHECK WHAT?
HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING UNDER A ROCK?!
YOU HAVE TO BE EXAM-INED FOR THE BLACK CANCER!
flap
EEK!

CONTA-
GIOUS?
DON'T BE
STUPID!
IT'S
NOT A
COMMON
COLD!
BUT YOU
COULD
BE A
CARRIER
IT'S
CONTAGIOUS--
PLENTY OF
PEOPLE ARE
ALREADY IN
THE HOSPITAL.
THERE'S
BEEN A BIG
OUTBREAK
ON EDEN.
THOUGH WE'RE
FAR FROM IT
HERE IN ISANA,
MANY ARE STILL
GETTING SICK
THEY'VE
DISCOVERED
BOTH A
NEGATIVE AND
POSITIVE BLACK
CANCER VIRUS.
THE POSITIVE
ONE IS
CONTAGIOUS
WE
STILL
DON'T
KNOW
THEY THINK
IT MIGHT
SPREAD
THROUGH
MUCOUS
MEMBRANE--
OR WORSE,
IT'S AIR-
BORNE
SO HOW
DOES IT
SPREAD?

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT CHIHAYA DOESN'T HAVE THE BLACK CANCER VIRUS
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, KAGE-TSUYA
THEN WHY ARE HIS WINGS AND HAIR BLACK?
FREAK, HUH?
THE KID'S JUST A FREAK.
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE VIRUS
PLEASE JUST GET CHECKED --SO AYA CAN RELAX.
WE STILL DON'T KNOW THE CAUSE OR HAVE A TREAT-MENT!

HELLO, ELVIRA?
YOU DION'T GIVE IT TO HIM, DID YOU?
WHAT WAS SHE TALKING ABOUT? GIVE HIM WHAT?
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON KEEPING ME LOCKED UP IN HERE?!
I'M SICK OF THIS!
CHI-HAYA!
OH!
S-SORRY!


I UNDERSTAND THEY'VE BEEN MAKING YOU WAIT LONG ENOUGH
SORRY ABOUT THAT I'M REALLY ANTSY
OH THAT
KAGE-TSJYA'S BREAKING HIS PROMISE TO ME!
I WANT TO BE TAKEN TO EDEN NOW!
TELL ME ABOJT IT!
I'M TRYING. IT'S HARD TO GET PER-MISSION.
THAT'S CHEATING!
I SAID I WOULD, BUT I DION'T SAY WHEN.
YOU PROMISED TO TAKE HER TO EDEN, REMEMBER?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ELVIRA?

YOU KNOW, I CAN GET PRETTY WILD IN HERE IF I WANT TO TEAR THE PLACE UP!
WON'T YOU GIVE ELVIRA PERMISSION TO ENTER THE COUNTRY?
IT'S JUST THAT SHE'S BEEN WAITING SO LONG AND ALL.
.....
PROCEDURE DICTATES SHE'LL NEED AN ESCORT FOR THE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS SHE'LL BE ALLOWED INTO THE COUNTRY
THE ESCORT MUST BE MILITARY PERSONNEL
Mm

YOU'RE GOING TO EDEN?

OH I'M MILITARY
CHI-HAYA?
AND I'VE STILL GOT SOME TIME OFF

YUP. I'LL BE ESCORTING ELVIRA THERE.
I SEE. WELL, THEN

I'LL BE--
YOU'VE STILL GOT SOME TIME OFF, TOO
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH IT?
SORRY, CHI-HAYA..
BUT AYA'S SIGNED KAGETSUYA UP FOR A MEDICAL EXAM.
HE'LL BE STAYING IN THE CLINIC FOR A WEEK!
ARE YOU FEELING UN-WELL?
ER, NO
hee hee hee.

OH RIGHT
TAP
I WAS ASKING FOR TOO MUCH
EVEN IF YOJ ARE PARTNERS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HANG ALL OVER EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME YOU'RE GROWN MEN.
I JUST THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN TO GO TOGETHER
POKE
POKE

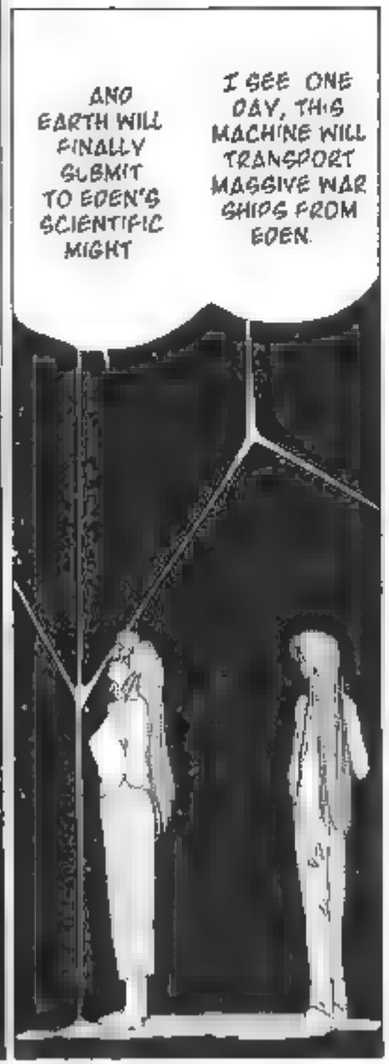
I'M SORRY ABOJT THIS, TOO
STUCK IN A CLINIC BY MYSELF FOR A WEEK

SHOVE
SHOVE
SHOVE
BYE, CHI-HAYA!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
YOJ'VE GOT AN APPOINT-MENT TO GET TO!

I WILL!

BE SAFE, AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

IF YOU'RE NOT HERE TO SUBJUGATE US, WHY ARE YOU WATCHING US?
HUH? YOU MEAN YOU WON'T?
NOTH-ING LIKE THAT WILL HAPPEN!
GASP
OF COURSE NOT!
BESIDES, THE HFS CAN'T TRANSPORT MORE THAN ONE TON AT A TIME!
THAT'S BE-CAUSE
IT'S HARD TO ARTIC-ULATE
AND I MAY JUST BE SIMPLI-FYING, BUT


I SEE. ONE DAY, THIS MACHINE WILL TRANSPORT MASSIVE WAR SHIPS FROM EDEN.
AND EARTH WILL FINALLY SUBMIT TO EDEN'S SCIENTIFIC MIGHT

I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT THE HIGH-SPEED FERRY SYSTEM.
WE CALL IT HFS FOR SHORT. GOES DIRECTLY TO EDEN
WHAT YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE A SPACE SHIP?
WE DO, BUT THIS IS FASTER

WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S GOING TO HAP-PEN?

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE
.. YOUR HAIR'S SO DARK, BUT .
BUT I'M YOUR FRIEND, CHIHAYA
I THINK OF THE EARTHIAN AS FRIENDS
GIGGLE
..YOU REALLY DO REMIND ME OF SERAPHIM.
ELVIRA
I KNOW
BUT THE EARTHIAN MAY NOT FEEL THAT WAY

GATE ?
OH! THE GATE'S OPENING

IT'S CHI-HAYA!
HEY KIDS!

St Michael's Orphanage
聖ミカエル孤児院
WELCOME BACK, CHIHAYA!
DID YOU BRING US ANYTHING?
WELCOME BACK!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MOTHER SUPERIOR.
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY STAYING HERE FOR A LITTLE BIT
Even though I didn't bring anything
OH, SORRY I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO PICK ANYTHING UP.
Awww
What? No presents?

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOJT THAT
THIS ISN'T YOUR HOME ANY MORE, AFTER ALL
I THOJGHT ALL THE ORPHANS ON EDEN WERE BLACK, BJT THEY LOOK NORMAL TO ME
SO YOU WERE AN ORPHAN, CHIHAYA?
WELL I'M THE ONLY PERSON I KNOW WHO HAS BLACK HAIR
YUP
YEAH, BUT
I'M ALL BLACK TOO!
HEE HEE!
SOMEONE MIGHT THINK WE'RE TWINS

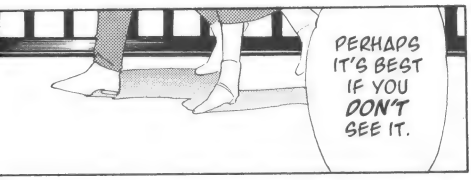
I'D ALWAYS THOUGHT ORPHANAGES WERE SAD, DARK PLACES, BUT THE KIDS HERE LOOK PRETTY HAPPY
ミカエル孤児院
BUT I WAS THROWN OUT BECAUSE OF MY BLACK WINGS
St Michael's Orphanage
SOCIETY DID SO MUCH FOR US
THE BIRTHRATE ON THIS PLANET IS FALLING DRAMA-TICALLY, SO ALL CHILDREN ARE CARED FOR VERY WELL
THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS DON'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ORPHANS, AND THEY GET PLENTY OF DONATIONS
ANY PERSON CAN STUDY IF HE CHOOSES THEY'RE FREE TO DO ANYTHING

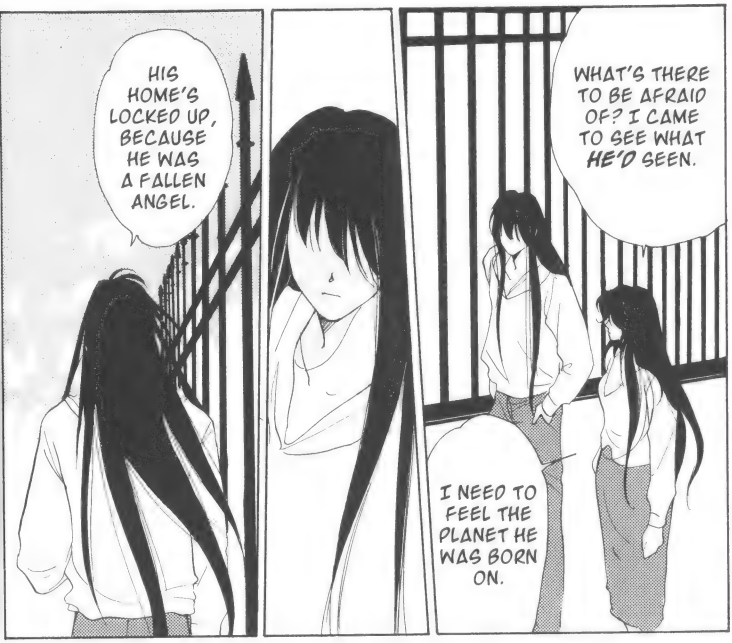
ADOP-
TIONS ARE
ACTUALLY
VERY RARE
HERE
THAT'S
RIDICULOUS! IF
THEY CAN'T HAVE
THEIR OWN KIDS,
THEN WHY NOT
ADOPT?
BUT NO
ONE WOULD
ADOPT ME.
THEN
THEY'D
ALL BE MY
BROTHERS
AND
SISTERS
...I'D HAVE
HIM ADOPT
EVERY
SINGLE KID
HERE.
IF I
STILL HAD
SERAPHIM...
ばいろ!

LORD SERAPHIM WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE PLUSES, YOU KNOW HE TAUGHT ME MANY THINGS
THEN I WOULDN'T BE ALONE ANYMORE
BUT I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO LEARN MORE.
THAT'S A SIDE OF SERAPHIM I NEVER KNEW.
CHI-HAYA
I KNOW
YOU COULD ALMOST SAY THAT YOU WERE HIS CHILD

"LORD SERAPHIM'S MANSION? WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO GO THERE?"

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE LORD MICHAEL'S SON NOW.


PERHAPS IT'S BEST IF YOU DON'T SEE IT.

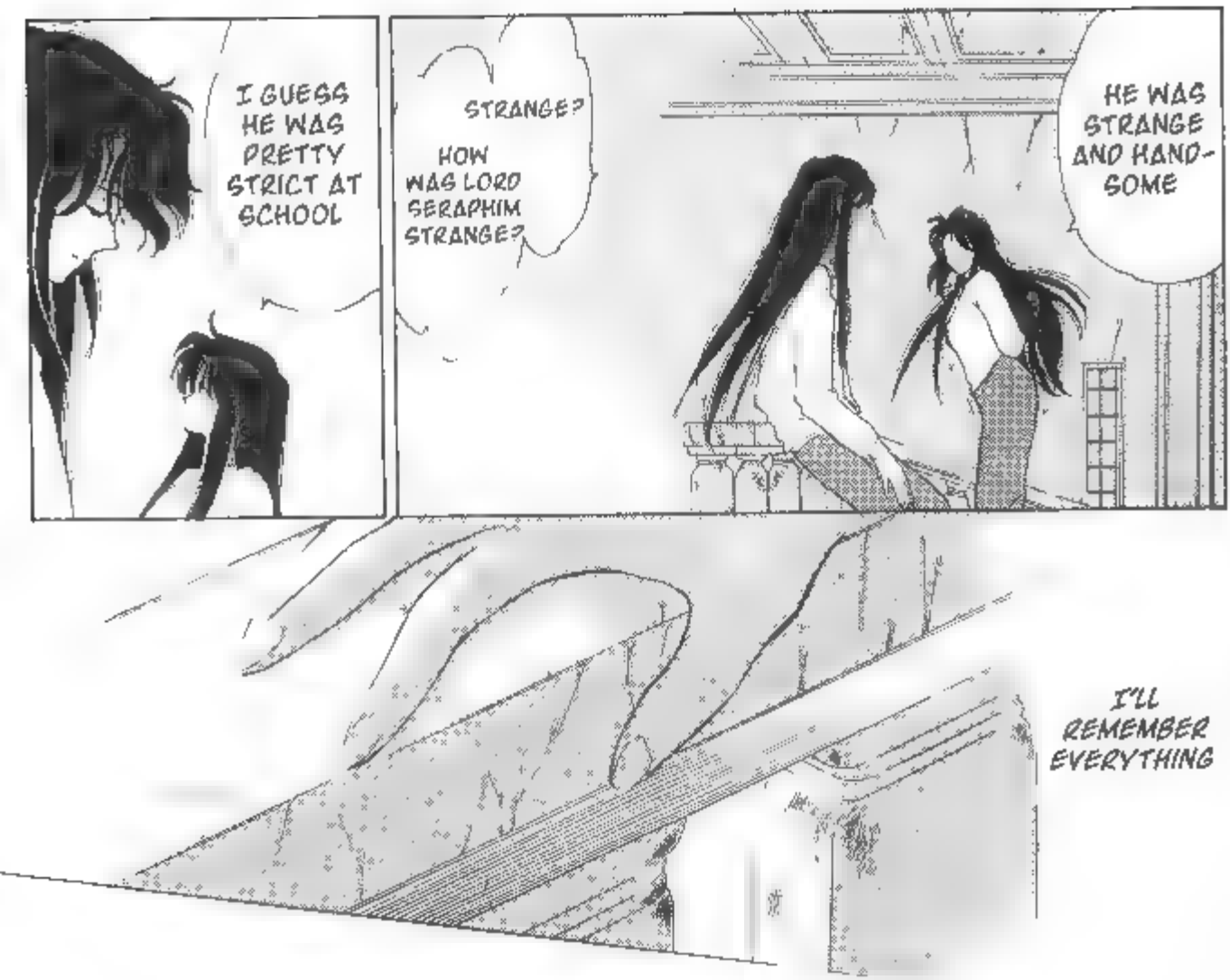

HIS HOME'S LOCKED UP, BECAUSE HE WAS A FALLEN ANGEL.
WHAT'S THERE TO BE AFRAID OF? I CAME TO SEE WHAT HE'D SEEN.
I NEED TO FEEL THE PLANET HE WAS BORN ON.

THAT'S NONSENSE.
THIS IS THE HOME...
...WHERE SERAPHIM WAS RAISED.

SERAPHIM
HE NEVER CAME BACK TO IT AGAIN
I'VE COME HOME FOR YOU
BUT I KNOW HE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF IT

BUT WHO WAS YOUR MOTHER, ELVIRA?
SHE WAS A PROSTI-TUTE
I THINK SHE WAS HAPPY AFTER SHE MET SERAPHIM
I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH OF HER
SHE GOT SICKER AND SICKER AFTER SHE HAD ME, AND THEN DIED
BUT I'M SURE SHE WAS HAPPY FOR A LITTLE WHILE
CHI-HAYA
HE WAS REALLY A LOT WORSE THAN YOU KNEW. HE WAS A CORRUPT MAN
AFTER ALL, HE CHOSE HIS OWN DAUGHTER FOR A LOVER

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE WHO WOULDN'T BE HAPPY AFTER LIVING WITH SERAPHIM.
BUT THAT MEANS. .
I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY AGAIN
HE'S GONE NOW
BUT REALLY
SERAPHIM WAS SO KIND AND STRONG
YOU WERE SO YOJNG! HOW COULD YOU THINK THAT?
AND


I GUESS HE WAS PRETTY STRICT AT SCHOOL
STRANGE?
HOW WAS LORD SERAPHIM STRANGE?
HE WAS STRANGE AND HANDSOME
I'LL REMEMBER EVERYTHING

GOOD-BYE..

HOUSE THAT RAISED MY BELOVED

WHAT THE --?!
KABOOM!!

BUT WHY .?
I PUT UP A BARRIER AND TORE IT DOWN FROM THE INSIDE
DON'T WORRY
I DE-STROYED IT, CHI-HAYA
NOT A SINGLE THING
I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE ANYTHING OF HIS BEHIND ON THIS PLANET
THIS IS TOO BEAUTIFUL A PLACE
ELVIRA .?

YOU ANGELS ARE WATCHING OVER EARTH
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW, DO YOU?
SERAPHIM SAID THAT HE HAD TO STOP IT
I THINK IT MAY BE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN EARTH
SO WHY WOULD YOU WANT THE EARTH, TOO?
STOP EDEN FROM INVADING EARTH
BECAUSE YOU PLAN ON INVADING IT
YOU'RE LYING
WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?
?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU! WE DON'T WANT THE EARTH!

LORD MICHAEL, THERE'S A PRIVATE SIGNAL COMING FROM EDEN.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
PUT IT THROUGH
FROM EDEN?
NOT UNTIL WE'VE GATHERED EVERY BIT OF DATA FROM THIS DISK
I SHOULD'VE TAKEN A VACATION, TOO I COULD'VE GONE BACK WITH CHIHAYA.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, CHIHAYA? DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
SOMETHING SEEMS OFF ABOUT HIM
CHIHAYA?
BEEP
THERE CAN'T BE THAT MUCH--
LORD MICH-AEL?!

WHY
ARE WE WATCHING OVER EARTH?
PLEASE TELL ME THE TRUTH
STOP IT!
WE'RE SIMPLY SURVEY-ING THE EARTH
TO DECIDE WHETHER TO DE-STROY IT
CHI-HAYA?
WHAT RIGHT DO WE HAVE TO DO THAT?
DON'T SAY IT!

ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS.
. IT WAS HIDDEN AWAY IN MY HEART.
I JOINED THE PLUS SIDE AND WORKED SO HARD TO DENY IT

THIS IS WHAT I FEARED
WHAT I FEARED AND DOUBTED

CHIHAYA, LISTEN TO ME.
WE'RE NOT POSING AS GODS, JUDGING THE EARTHIAN

NO! I CAN'T STOP IT!
WHO COULD EVER HAVE THAT RIGHT?!

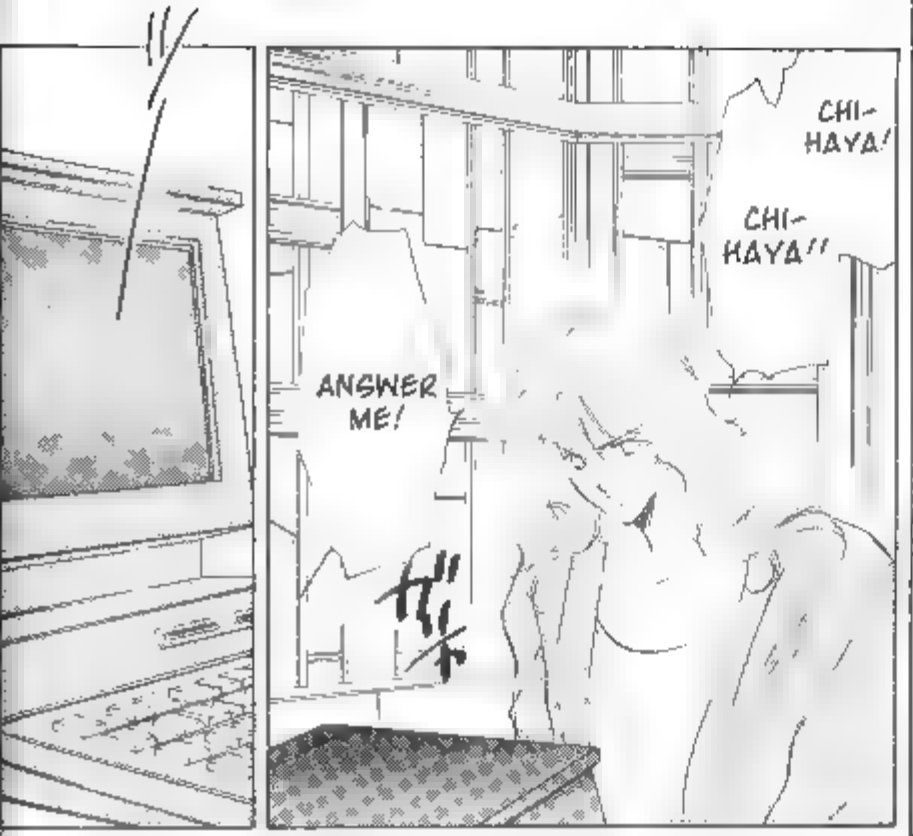
.INTO ONE SINGLE UNITED UNIVERSE
WE'RE JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT...
.HOW THE EARTHIAN WILL BE INTE-GRATED
SLAM
PLEASE ANSWER ME!
.DO YOU MEAN TO HELP THEM LIVE, OR USE THEM FOR OUR PURPOSES?
BY "INTE-GRATED" ..
CHI-HAYA
WE CAN'T HELP THEM LIVE

THEN YOU MEAN TO USE THEM!
FOR WHAT PUR-POSE?
FOR WHOSE PUR-POSE?!
LIKE WE SAID, WE ARE NOT GODS.
IT'S WHAT I THOUGHT!
IT WAS NEVER FOR THE EARTHIAN! IT WAS FOR US ONLY!
BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GODS!
BUT IT'S FOR THEIR OWN GOOD
WE CAN'T SAY

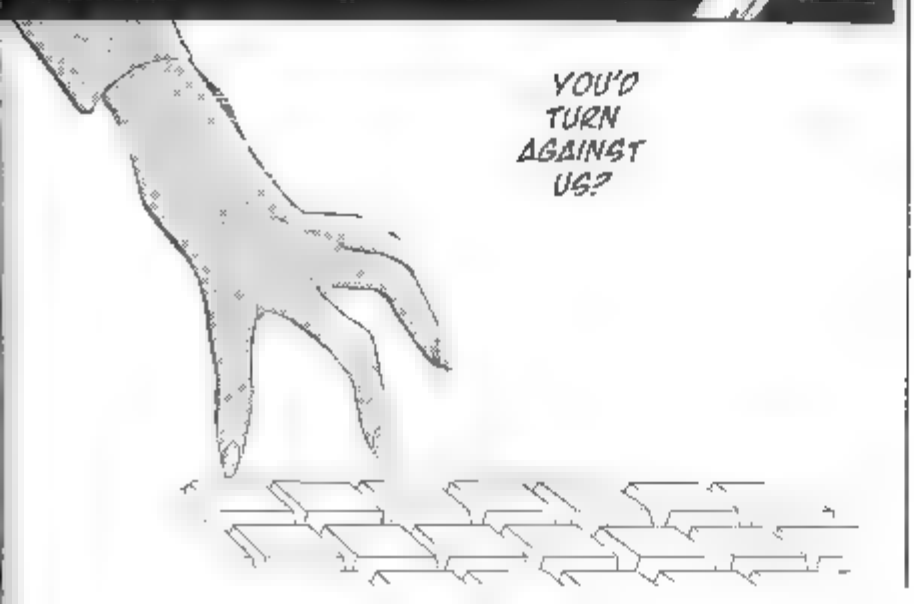
LET ME TALK TO HIM
CHIHAYA! WE CAN'T SAY.
THIS HASN'T BEEN DECIDED YET!
Dear God..
JUST WHAT ..
..HAVE YOU PLANNED
..FOR THE EARTH?!
THE SELF-DEFENSE ORGANI-ZATION IS ALREADY ON THE MOVE
THE PLUSES WERE THE ONLY THING TO STOP IT
SO THE MINUSES ARE YOUR JUST CAUSE?!
where are you?

AND THAT'S WHY YOU INVENT REASONS TO DESTROY THEM--
HOLD YOUR TONGUE!
THEY CAN'T BE SAVED?
A DANGER?
ARE THE EARTHIAN REALLY THAT MUCH OF A THREAT?!
WHY.?
DOESN'T THE EARTH BELONG TO THE EARTHIAN?
DOESN'T IT BELONG TO ALL WHO LOVE IT?

IF YOU CAN SAY THAT, THEN EARTH DOES NOT BELONG TO THE EARTHIAN, EITHER.
CALM YOUR-SELF
THE EARTH IS NOT OURS!
IT BELONGS TO NO ONE
YOU SPEAK AS IF YOU'VE ALREADY WON
NO! YOU'RE LYING!


CHI-HAYA!
CHI-HAYA!!
ANSWER ME!

CHIHAYA, DON'T TELL ME...
HE'S OBSER-VANT AS EVER.


YOU'D TURN AGAINST US?

BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS, I WOULD NEVER WANT TO LOSE MY PRIDE...

YOU WON'T ABANDON EDEN AND DESCEND TO EARTH AS ONE OF THE FALLEN, WOULD YOU?

THE SKY SURE IS BEAU-TIFUL
WHERE WOULD YOU BE BORN, IF YOU HAD THE CHOICE?
EDEN

I LOVE THE EARTH.
I WOULD NEVER WANT TO LOSE MY PRIDE.
BUT NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I WAS REBORN,
I WOULD CHOOSE EDEN.

ANGEL'S CHAIN

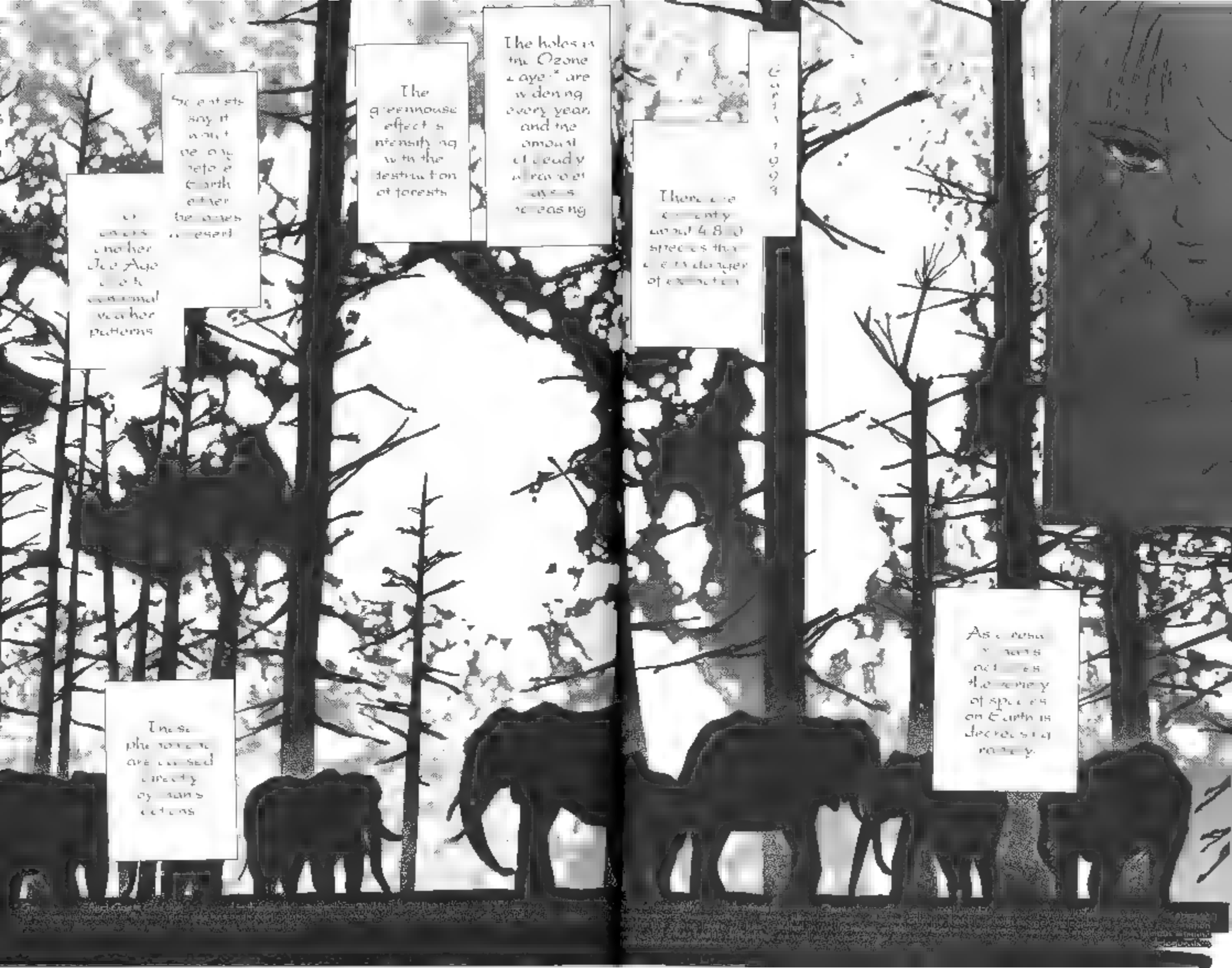
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT HIM LATELY
THE WIND
THERE'S SOME-THING WRONG WITH CHIHAYA!
EVER SINCE HE CAME BACK FROM EDEN WITH ELVIRA
SOME-THING MUST HAVE HAP-PENED!

"TALK-NG BEHIND YOUR BACK" ?
ARE YOU TALKING BEHIND MY BACK?!
HEY! KNOCK IT OFF!
DON'T BOTHER WITH YOJR WORRY.
AND I'M FINE, THANK YOU!
IT'S ME!
ARE YOU KIDDING?!
SORRY WE BOTH-ERED YOU
KAGETSUYA WAS JJST TALKING IN HIS SLEED

OH, OF COURSE HE DOESN'T
NOW CHI-HAYA
HATES ME
WELL PLAYED
YOU KNOW HIM BEST, I SUP-POSE
IS THAT SO?
NO, HE DOES! I'M SURE OF IT!
FINE!
WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP BUTTING INTO MY BUSINESS?!
THEN DON'T INVOLVE ME IN YOUR LITTLE DRAMA.
SIGH
RAPHAEL
THAT WAS VERY COLD

HOW CAN I NOT NOTICE? NOT WORRY ABOUT YOU?
I'M EITH-ER—
THEN START EATING RIGHT AND SLEEPING!
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!
UNFEELING, OR STUPID, RIGHT?!
WELL?! WHICH IS IT?!
YOU FAKE!
YOU ONLY ACT ALL RIGHT IN FRONT OF LORD MICHAEL!

I'M SORRY
I'VE GOT TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER!
I'M NO GOOD AT THIS
I GIVE UP!
SHEESH


Scientists say it won't be long before Earth enters the ranges of another Ice Age
Unseasonal weather patterns
These phenomena are caused directly by man's actions
The greenhouse effect is intensifying with the destruction of forests
The holes in the Ozone Layer are widening every year and the amount of deadly ultraviolet rays is increasing
There are currently around 4,800 species that are in danger of extinction
Earth 1993
As a result numbers of species on Earth is decreasing rapidly.

* IUCN's (The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) Red Data Book

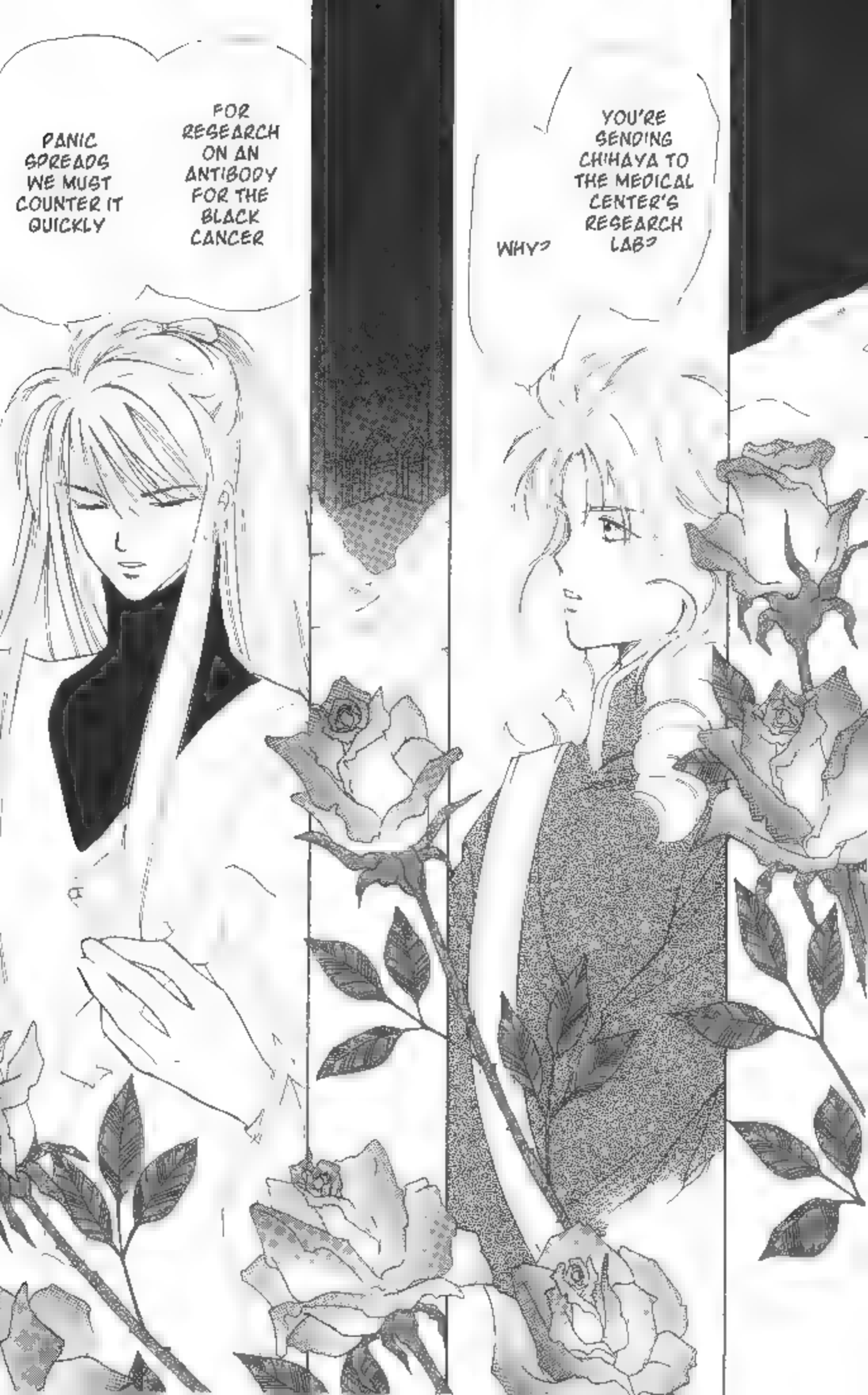
LET ME SEE IT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE SO LATE ANYWAY?
LEVEL E? THEY'RE ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION
THE TIGER, ORANGUTAN AND ASIAN ELEPHANT SANK TO LEVEL E. WHAT DO WE DO?

OOOH!
WHAT DO WE DO, INDEED

HUH?
TRYING TO KISS ME?
NAH
KAGE-TSUYA
ARE YOU
NO!
HE WOULDN'T.
HE WOULDN'T.

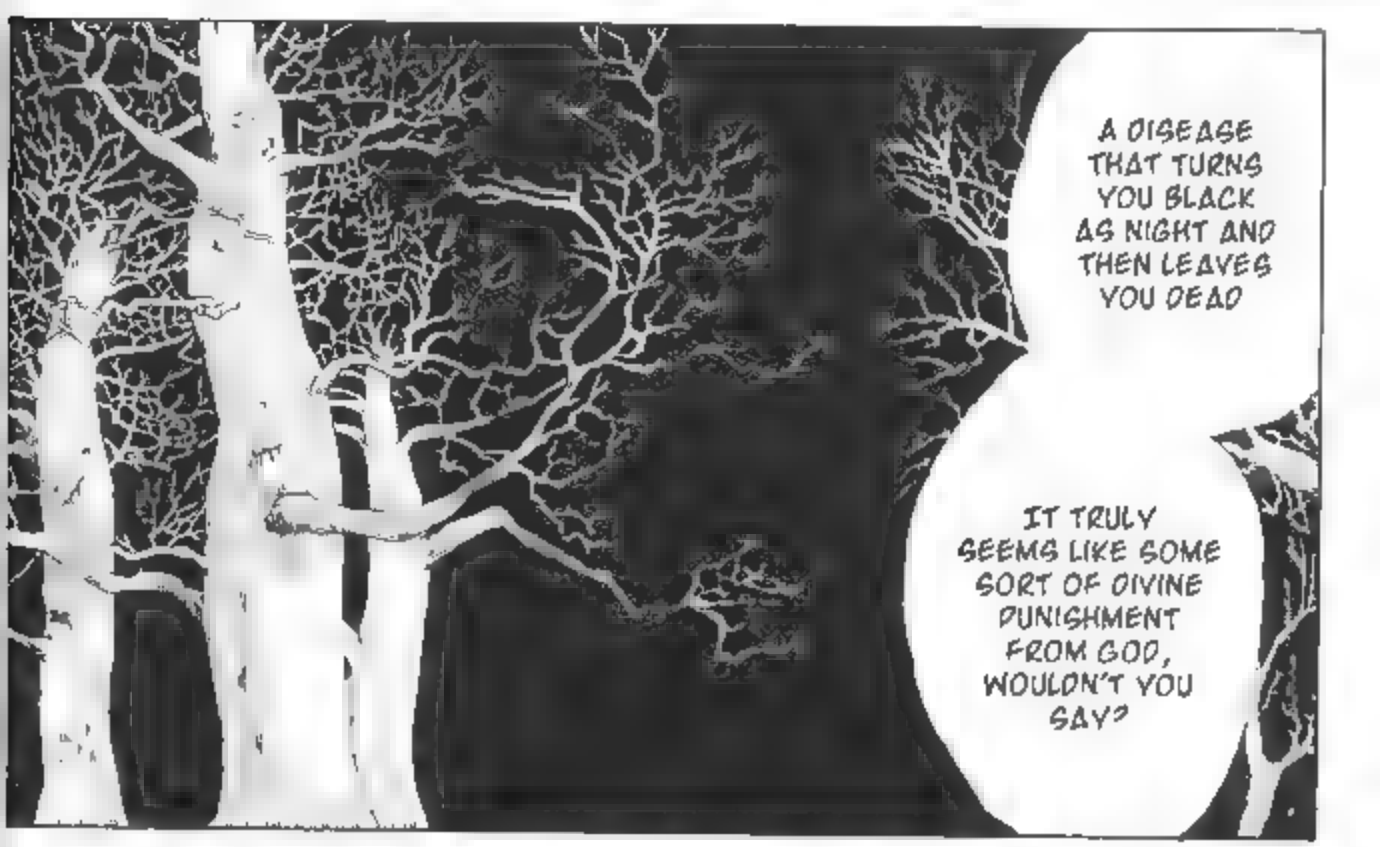
THAT WAS NO KISS BETWEEN FRIENDS
KA--
KAGE-TSUYA!
MY FEEL-INGS
ARE UNSTABLE

I LOVE KAGETSUYA
YOU COULDN'T
THEN, WHY?!
WHAT DO, I DO?
WHAT DO I DO?
WHAT IF I CRY FROM BEING SO HAPPY?


PANIC SPREADS WE MUST COUNTER IT QUICKLY
FOR RESEARCH ON AN ANTIBODY FOR THE BLACK CANCER
WHY?
YOU'RE SENDING CHIHAYA TO THE MEDICAL CENTER'S RESEARCH LAB?

EITHER ONE OF US MAY BE INFECTED
HOW SOMEONE LOOKS DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE
IT WAS THE MEDICAL CENTER'S ORDER, NOT MINE.
ASIDE FROM HIS DARK COLORING, HE'S A PERFECTLY HEALTHY BOY
IT'S NO USE.
OPTIMISTICALLY, WE HAVE A 98% CHANCE OF DYING.
PERIOD OF INCUBATION? UNKNOWN. CAUSE OF DISEASE? UNKNOWN.
THE ONLY LEAD ON THE BLACK CANCER IS THIS DATA SERAPHIM COLLECTED-- IF ONLY WE COULD UNDERSTAND IT

DEAR MICHAEL,
IS THIS A MESSAGE FROM SERAPHIM?
BUZZZ
WHAT DO I THINK?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE SITUATION?

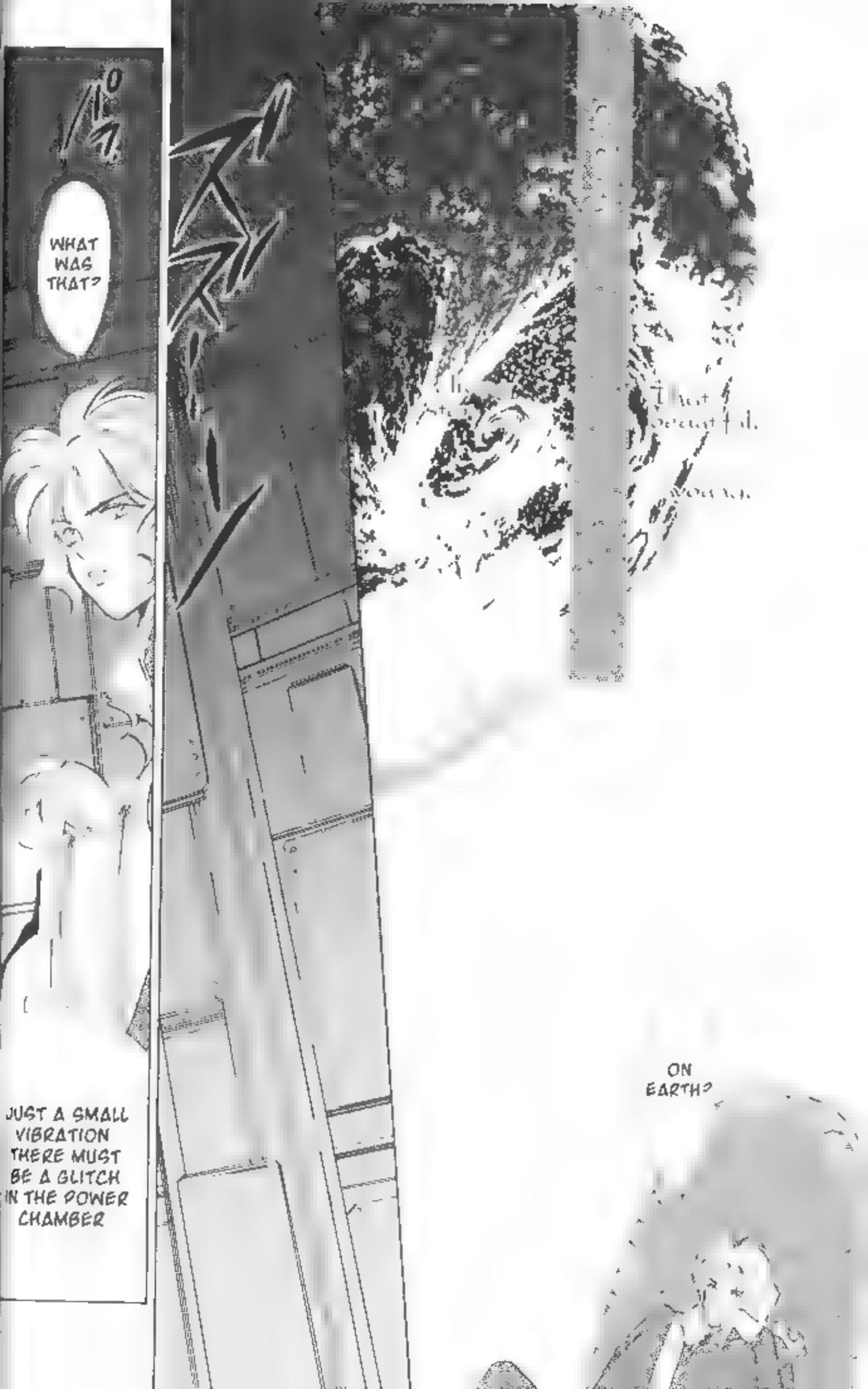

A DISEASE THAT TURNS YOU BLACK AS NIGHT AND THEN LEAVES YOU DEAD
IT TRULY SEEMS LIKE SOME SORT OF DIVINE PUNISHMENT FROM GOD, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

ESPECIALLY AT THE END OF THE CENTURY, IT'S SO POIGNANT I FEEL COMPELLED TO SAY THAT WE MUST BE CLOSE TO USING UP OUR EXISTENCE

FIRST THERE IS THE DECLINE IN OUR REPRODUCTIVE ABILITIES, THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ANY SPECIES. AND NOW THE APPEARANCE OF THIS MYSTERIOUS BLACK CANCER

YOU SPEAK AS THOUGH HEAVEN ITSELF WILL BE DESTROYED!
WE'VE CEASED TO PROGRESS
WE ARE AGING AS A SPECIES.
AT THIS RATE, THE POPULATION WILL TAPER OFF AND MEANDER INTO EXTINCTION.

DEAR MICHAEL,
BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, I MAY ALREADY BE DEAD I MAY NOT HAVE LEARNED MUCH, AND I MAY NOT HAVE MUCH INFORMATION TO LEAVE YOU, BUT .
. I BELIEVE THE SECRET TO PRESERVING OUR RACE MAY LIE ON EARTH.
THE SECRET MAY LIE ON EARTH.


WHAT WAS THAT?
JUST A SMALL VIBRATION THERE MUST BE A GLITCH IN THE POWER CHAMBER
ON EARTH?

LOOK!
THERE'S SOMETHING COLLIDING WITH THE OUTER WALL!
NO! IT'S NOT!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
ARE THEY METEOR-ITES?!
AN ATTACK FROM EARTH? ALREADY?
NO!
WHAT ARE THOSE EXPLO-SIONS?!
IT COULDN'T BE.
THE RADAR WOULD'VE PICKED IT UP

THERE'S A MESSAGE COMING IN!
CONNECT US
NOTHING HAS BEEN CONFIRMED YET.
THERE WERE NO LOSSES.
IT'S A MATERIAL TRANSMISSION
DIRECTLY INSIDE THE OUTER WALL.
WHAT?!
DAMAGE REPORT.
RE
TRE..
AT
IT'S JUST A SIGNAL.
ANY IMAGE?
RETREAT. SIGNED, THE BLACK ANGELS
"SIGNED, THE BLACK ANGELS"?
"RETREAT"?

WOW, THIS LIGHT-NING'S AMAZING
THE EARTH HAS HAD
.TRULY ABNORMAL WEATHER PATTERNS IN 1992
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200 FELL VICTIM TO AVALANCHES IN TURKEY, AND JAPAN IS POUNDED BY HEAVY RAINFALL
AND WITH THE CRAWLING WESTERLIES, JERUSALEM EXPERIENCED ITS HEAVIEST SNOWFALL IN 47 YEARS
NOTHING JUST TRYING TO REMEMBER THE DEFINITION OF "ABNORMAL WEATHER PATTERNS"
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
KAGETSUYA
THAT'S IT!
A SITUATION IN WHICH THE MONTHLY AVERAGES OF TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL OF A PARTICULAR AREA DEVIATE FROM THIRTY OR MORE YEARS OF CONSTANT OBSERVATION

IT'S BEAU-TIFUL, ISN'T IT?
THE LIGHT-NING
KAGE-TSUYA!
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINK-ING?
HE STINKS OF ALCOHOL!

YOU'RE DRUNK!
WHAT IF I HAVE?!
YES, YOU ARE!
Erk! Erk!
I'M NOT DRUNK!
YOU ALREADY TOLD ME!
I'M NOT!
THE DEFINITION OF ABNORMAL WEATHER PATTERNS IS A SHIFT IN THE MONTHLY--

PLEASE
JUST HOLD MY HAND
UNLESS . IT JUST DISGUSTS YOU .
WHAT'S THE MATTER, KAGETSUYA?

I'M IN SEASON MATING SEASON
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HOW COULD IT DISGUST ME?
Disgusting
I don't think I've ever met anyone as beautiful as Kagetsuyo
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT
YOU SHOULD HAVE A BABY
I CAN'T

BECAUSE I
LOVE YOU

I KNOW
I LOVE YOJ TOO
DON'T MOCK ME.
I'M SERIOUS
I KNOW THAT'

IS GOD SHOUTING
THEY SAY THUNDER...
DID YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU DRUNK.

THEN GOD IS WATCHING US.

Our hearts will stop.

EARTHIAN SCIENCE IS NOT THAT ADVANCED

BUT THE UNKNOWN BEINGS, THE CHILDREN OF EDENIANS AND EARTHIANS LIVING ON EARTH?
THEY ARE AN X-FACTOR.

THEY MUST HAVE INCREDIBLE ABILITIES OR MACHINES TO SEND MATERIAL B, WITH ITS WEIGHT, TIMING AND DISTANCE FROM EARTH
AND THAT NAME! "THE BLACK ANGELS"?

IF WE TRANSMIT MATERIAL B TO THE SAME LOCATION AS MATERIAL A.
THE CLASH OF MOLECULES CAUSES AN EXPLOSION ON CONTACT
PRECISE CALCU-LATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO LIMIT THE SCALE OF THE EXPLOSIONS.
IT IS A VERY DANGEROUS TECH-NOLOGY

BUT WHAT DO THEY GAIN BY OUR RETREAT?
THIS EXPLOSION WAS MERELY A TEST.
THEY ARE THE CLEAR ENEMY.
IF THESE "BLACK ANGELS" CAN STRIKE WITH SUCH ACCURACY...
...THEN THEY HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF TRANS-PORTING MATERIAL B.
THIS IS THE FIRST ATTACK ON US IN THE BILLIONS OF YEARS WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH EARTH!

PUT UP THE PSYCHO-BARRIER.
AND INCREASE THE INTENSITY OF THE PSYCHO-JAMMER. THIS TRANSMISSION WAS DONE WITH SUPER POWERS, I'M SURE OF IT.
AND WE SHOULD CHANGE COURSE.
WHAT DO WE DO?

THE EARTH-IAN MIGHT.
BUT WHO ON EARTH HAS SUCH POWERS?

RAPH-AEL.
IT'S JUST MY INTU-ITION.
BUT MOST OF THEIR ABILITIES ARE STILL ONLY LATENT. THEY BARELY USE FIVE OF THEIR SENSES. I ADMIT THE SLOW PULL OF EVOLUTION, BUT...

EARTH HAS A NEW SPECIES
THEY SURPASS THE EARTHIAN WE KNOW
THIS IS OUR ENEMY
THE BLACK ANGELS
CONTACT ALL CHECKERS CURRENTLY ON EARTH
ORDER THEM TO TRACK DOWN THESE BLACK ANGELS.
YES, SIR

YOU'RE USUALLY LEVELHEADED, BUT WHEN OPPOSED YOU BECOME QUITE MERCILESS
BUT THE MOMENT WE'RE ATTACKED, I LOSE IT
WHY MUST THIS HAPPEN?
I TRY TO KEEP MY COMPOSURE
NO, I THINK YOU WERE GIVEN YOUR POST BECAUSE YOU ARE SO PASSIONATE. SIR
NOT NEARLY AS MERCI-LESS AS YOU.
WE WAIT FOR THEIR NEXT MOVE BUT PERHAPS.
WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT THE BLACK ANGELS?

WE DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE
DO YOU THINK THE MEDICAL CENTER WAS LOOKING FOR HIM SO HE RAN OFF?
THEY MIGHT TURN HIM INTO A GUINEA PIG TO RESEARCH THE BLACK CANCER
HE WOULDN'T DO THAT.
BUT HE'S MILITARY PERSONNEL.
THIS RAIN SURE IS SOMETHING

HOW SAD I'D BE
IF I LOST HIM

MY HEART HURTS JUST THINKING ABOUT IT
IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL "LOVE"?
EVERY MOMENT KAGETSUYA WAS THERE
I REMEMBER
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW?

I'M SURE
I DON'T EVER WANT TO LOSE HIM.
THIS IS ODD MAYBE THEY'RE NOT EVEN HERE
IT'S PITCH BLACK
RATTLE
SINCE THE FIRST MOMENT I MET HIM
IT SEEMS SO LONG AGO NOW
AND LOOK
HOW CLOSE WE'VE BECOME

ガラガラ
EEK!!
THERE'S SOME-ONE HERE!
ガラガラ
CHIHAYA-SAN? IS THAT YOU?
OH! THANK GOOD-NESS HE'S HERE!
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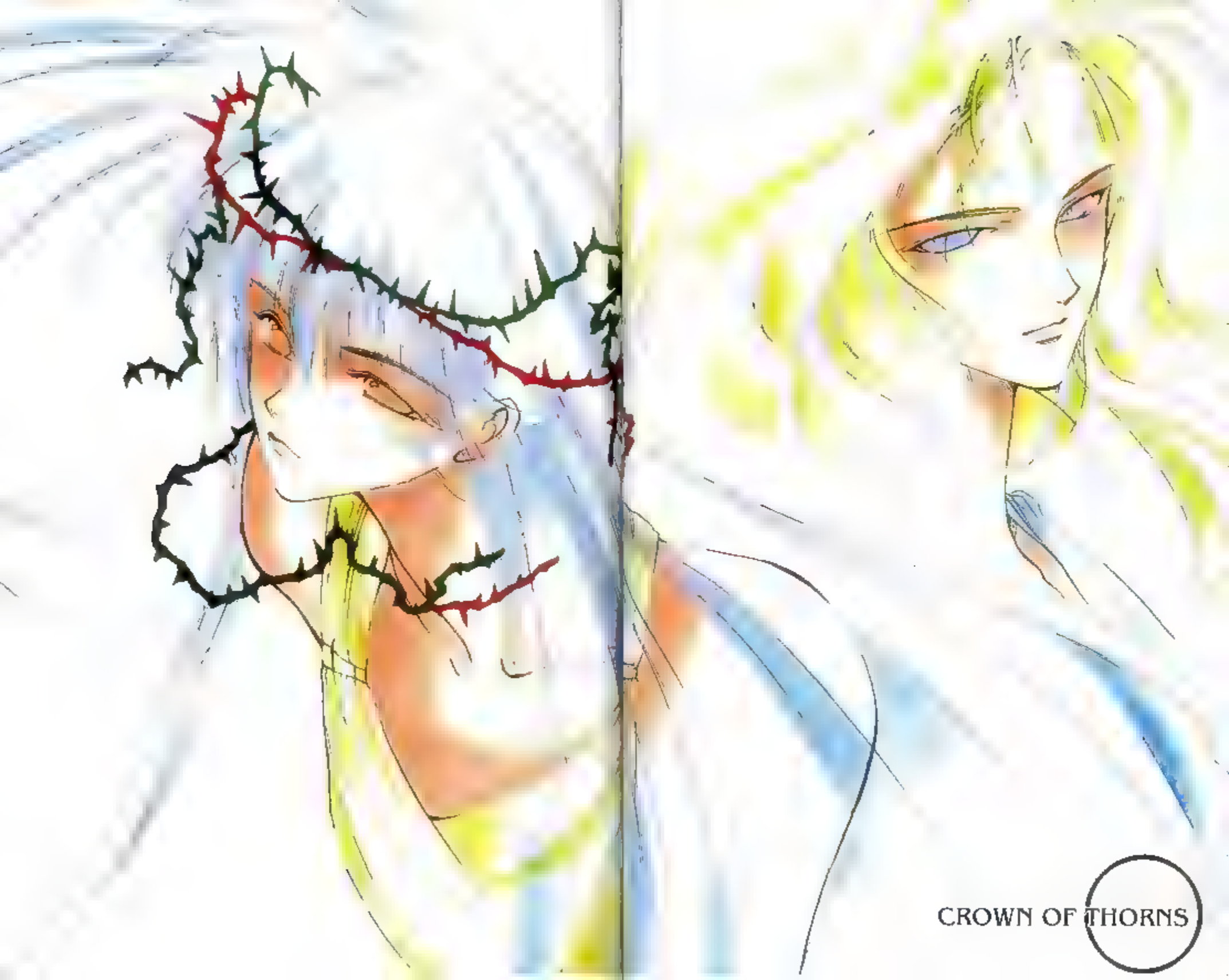
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
?!
YOU --!

...become my god.

You have...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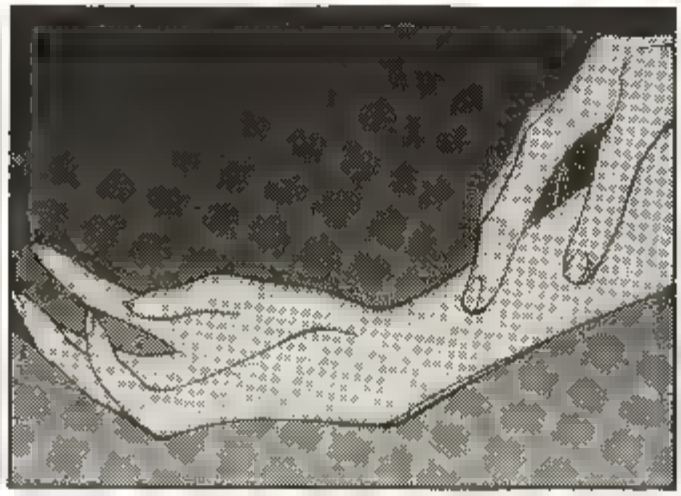
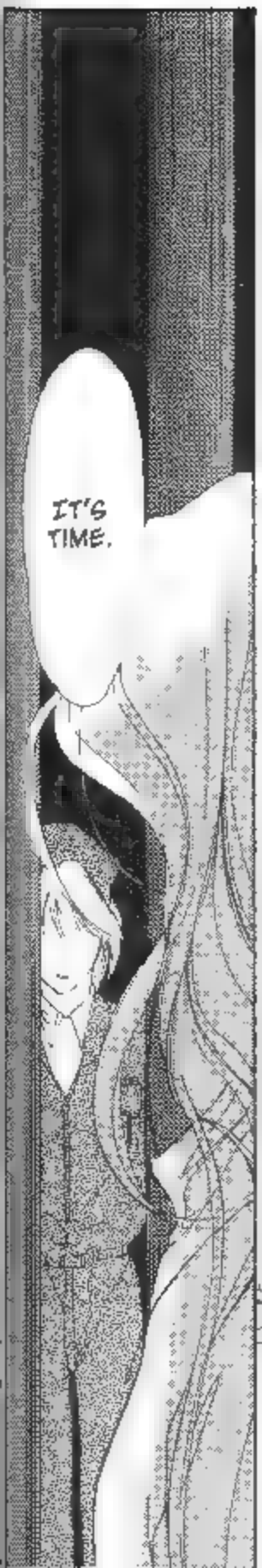
If I were ever to meet someone who could keep a promise of eternity...I would never want to lose him.



It's all right I know what my feelings are

IT HAS TO BE A LIE! KAGE-TSUYA WOULDN'T!
HE WON'T BE PUT ON TRIAL!
NO!!
AYA
IT'S NOT A LIE.
NO NO NO NO!
BUT DIDN'T YOU EVER THINK . THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD EVENTUALLY HAPPEN?
I'M SURE EVERYONE ALREADY KNEW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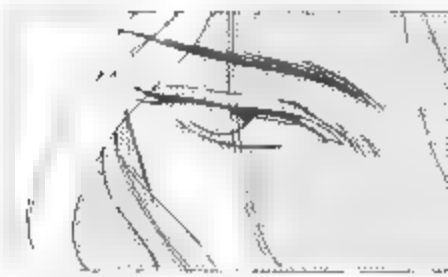

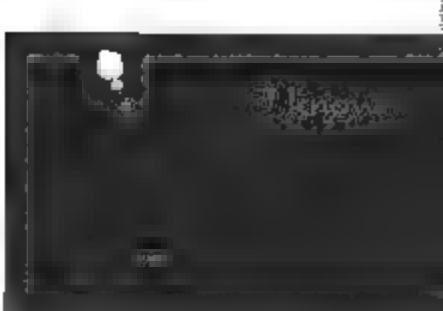

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my
feelings

THIS IS NOT A SIN
IT WASN'T WRONG.

I WANT TO PROTECT HIM.
DEAR GOD, MAY I HAVE THE COURAGE TO KEEP GOING, TO THE END.
GRANT ME THE COURAGE.
. YOU ARE SO IMPOR-TANT TO ME
BE-CAUSE

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'LL NEED?
NO

I CANNOT BELIEVE
KAGETSUYA AND CHIHAYA WOULD FALL TO THIS
NO
YOU'RE RATHER CALM ABOUT THIS
CAN YOU REALLY SAY THAT YOU DIDN'T SEE IT COMING?
REALLY?

COURT IS
NOW IN
SESSION

AYA!
I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH!
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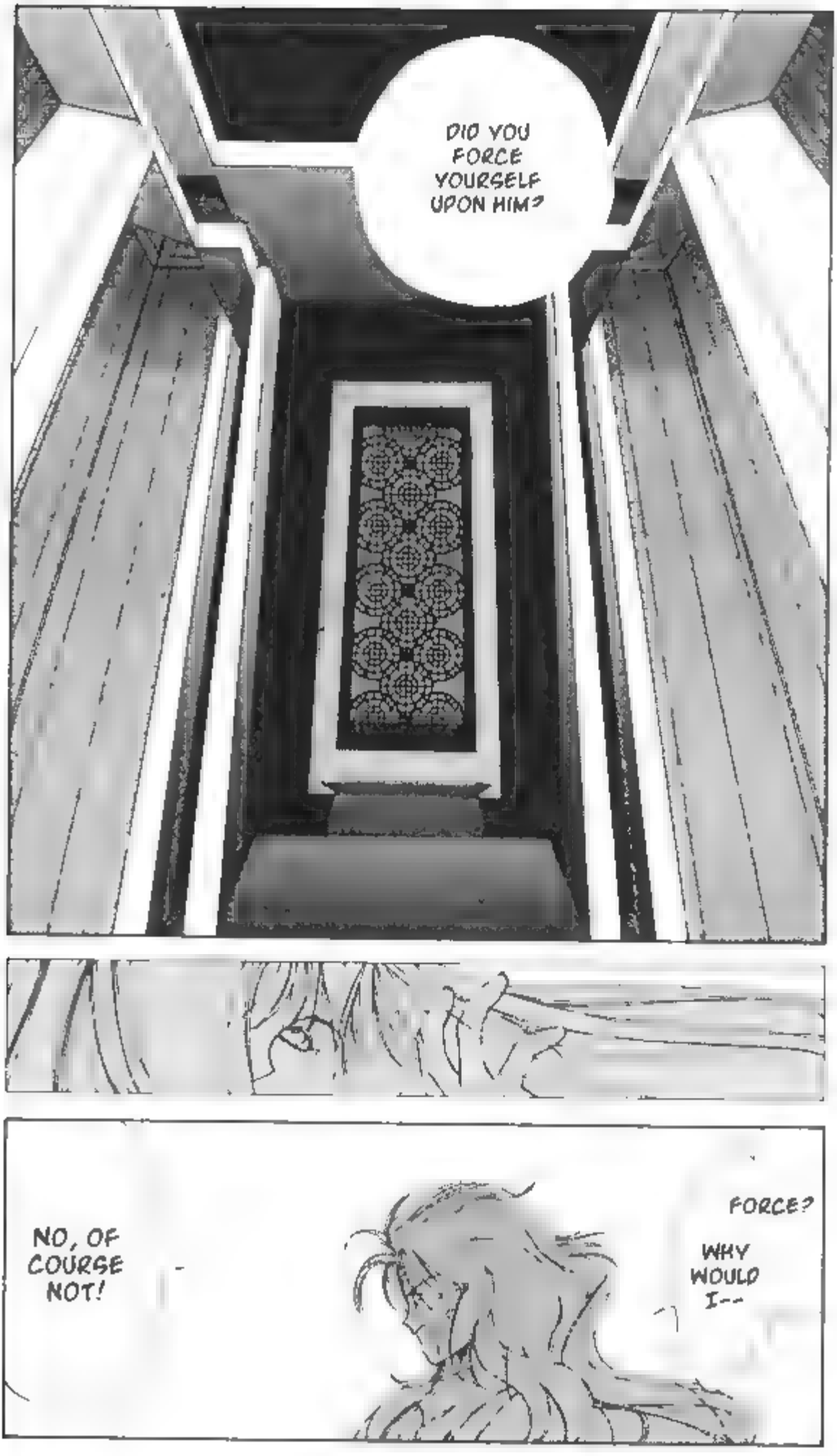
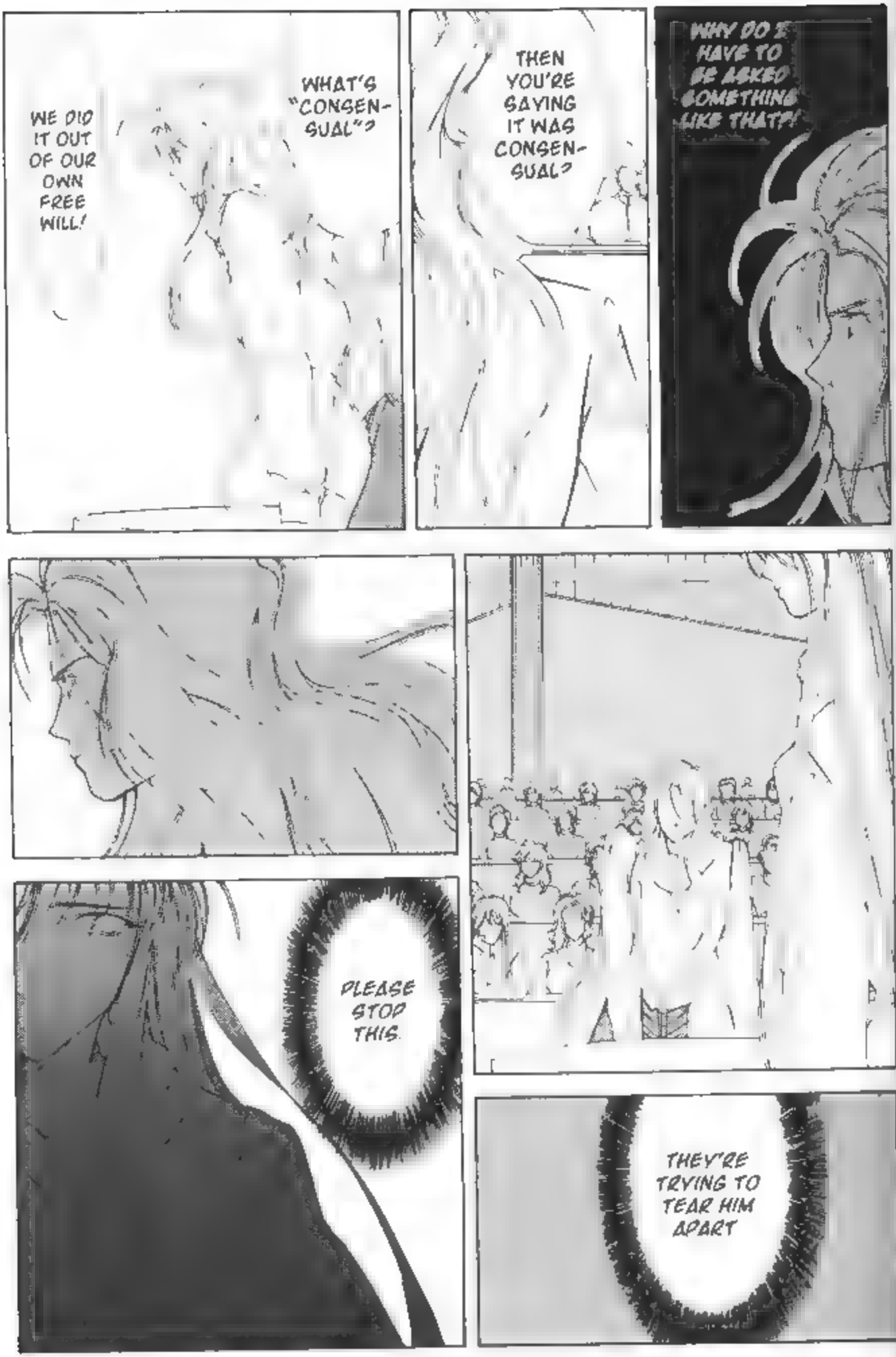
ガタ
WHY ..?

I KNEW YOU WAY BEFORE HIM!
SOB
SOB
I'M THE ONE WHO ALWAYS LOVED YOU, KAGE-TSUYA!
WHY?
YOU SHOULD'VE CHOSEN ME!
I'M A GIRL!
WAS I NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?!
IF ONLY HE'D CHOSEN ME
HE WOULDN'T BE STANDING WHERE HE IS!
NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE TO HAPPEN TO HIM!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU, IT WOULDN'T GET ME ANYWHERE IF I JUST DIED.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT.
YOU'RE ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT, AYA
THE PHYSICAL BODY
ISN'T SOMETHING TO RISK A SPIRITUAL LIFE OVER.


DID YOU FORCE YOURSELF UPON HIM?
NO, OF COURSE NOT!
FORCE?
WHY WOULD I--


WE DID IT OUT OF OUR OWN FREE WILL!
WHAT'S "CONSEN-SUAL"?
THEN YOU'RE SAYING IT WAS CONSEN-SUAL?
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE ASKED SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
PLEASE STOP THIS.
THEY'RE TRYING TO TEAR HIM APART

I LOVE HIM!

WHAT'S SO WRONG ABOUT TWO PEOPLE LOVING EACH OTHER?

OBJECTION IT IS NOT A CRIME!

I AM SURE YOU ARE WELL AWARE THAT HOMOSEXUAL LOVE IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH YOUR ACTIONS ARE A CRIME

THAT IS WHAT "ORDER" IS

YOU MUST ABIDE BY THE LAW

Thanks for trying to smash the barrier.

...and the police.

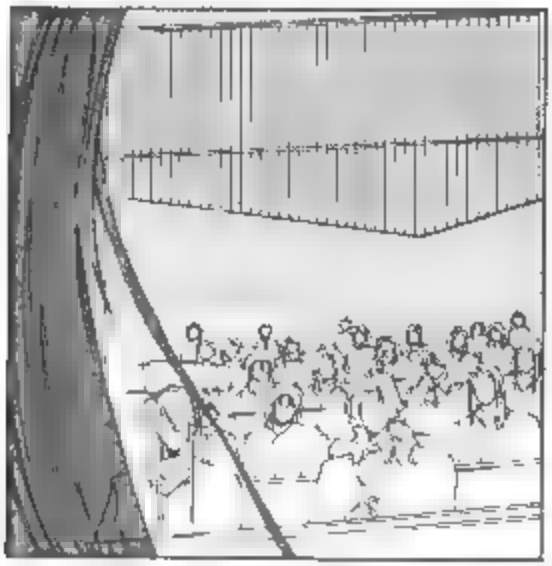
...I'm dealing with the police.

...[illegible] behind.

I HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING TO BE ASHAMED OF!
HOW CAN I PROTECT HIM?
IT IS NOT A CRIME!
WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR OPINIONS.
NOW WE'LL LISTEN TO WHAT CHIKAYA HAS TO SAY

WERE YOUR ACTIONS COMMITTED UNDER MUTUAL CONSENT?

NO.



I RESPECT KAGEYUYA VERY MUCH, BUT...
THOSE ARE NOT FEELINGS OF LOVE
NOTHING HAPPENED
I DO NOT
LOVE KAGEYUYA THAT WAY

HOMOSEXUAL LOVE IS A CRIME
NO, IT'S NOT!
I WOULD NEVER...
..DO SOME-THING SO HORRID. WE DID NOT HAVE SEX
KAGETSUYA AND I ARE NOT IN LOVE

TELL THE TRUTH!
CHI-HAYA!
YOU BAS-TARD!
ALL I WANT IS THE TRUTH!
CHI-HAYA, PLEASE!
YOU MAY THINK YOU'RE TRYING TO HELP ME BY DOING THAT, BUT..
I DON'T NEED IT!

IT SEEMS WE HAVE TWO OPPOSING SIDES OF THE STORY
KAGETSUYA IS TWISTING THE TRUTH.
THERE WAS!
THERE WAS NO PENE-TRATION?
YOU... IDIOT!
NO, YOUR HONOR.
NOW YOU'RE GOING TO LIE?! JUST SAY THE TRUTH, GODDAMN IT!

BASTARD!
I'LL NEVER LIE! NOT ABOUT THIS!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.
I love you.
More than anyone else in the whole world.
Forever and always.

disgrace these feelings.

I will fight for the sole thing I wish to protect

My mind's already made up.

I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET YOU DIE.
I LOVE YOU. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH
THERE IS NO CRIME IN LOVING YOU!
THEY MAY KILL ME, BUT THEY CAN'T TAKE AWAY WHAT I BELIEVE!
JUST DON'T DIE.
I DON'T CARE WHAT BELIEF YOU'RE TRYING TO PROTECT, OR WHAT TRUTH YOU'RE TRYING TO PROVE.

YOU COWARD!
YOU TRAITOR!
YOU THINK YOU CAN RUN AWAY NOW?!
IF YOU DARE SAY YOU DON'T LOVE HIM ONE MORE TIME, I SWEAR I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
STOP IT, AYA
IT HURTS TO SAY IT, BUT KAGETSUYA REALLY DOES LOVE YOU!
ALL I WANT IS FOR KAGETSUYA TO LIVE
SILENCE IN THE COURT!
I'M AN EGOTIST

Of course
I love you.

I DON'T LOVE YOU
I HAVE, EVER SINCE THAT FIRST DAY
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH
I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANY-THING.
IF I THINK BACK NOW I REALIZE IT STARTED THAT DAY.

ONE WITH THE COURAGE TO SHOW HIS TEARS
AND ONE WITH THE COURAGE TO HIDE THEM
SO THIS IS HOW IT IS
I WON'T CRY I CAN'T.

HE'S ONLY BECOME AN ADULT.
BECAUSE HE'S ABLE TO HOLD BACK HIS TEARS.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A CHILD.
IT'S A CALL FROM URIEL
TODAY'S TRIAL?
YES
I SEE
THAT IS RATHER ODD

WHO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT?!
NEWS TRAVELS FAST

I WONDER IF I SAVED KAGETSUYA THIS WAY

I'M SORRY, LORD MICHAEL.
I HAVE TO STICK WITH IT
OUR STORIES MIGHT BE DIFFERENT, BUT

I LOVE YOU.
I OUGHT NOT TO SAY IT AGAIN, BUT .

CHI-HAYA?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE?
NOW KAGETSUYA WILL NEVER BELIEVE ME AGAIN.
I LOVE YOU!
THERE IS ONLY ONE LAST THING I CAN GIVE HIM
I WISH I'D SAID IT...
...AS MANY TIMES AS I COULD

ELVIRA.
CHIHAYA, ARE YOU CRYING?
A PRISON CELL?
THIS IS CERTAINLY A SHOCK WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED, HUH
DON'T WORRY, IT'LL BE OKAY.
I'M ON YOUR SIDE NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
ELVIRA.

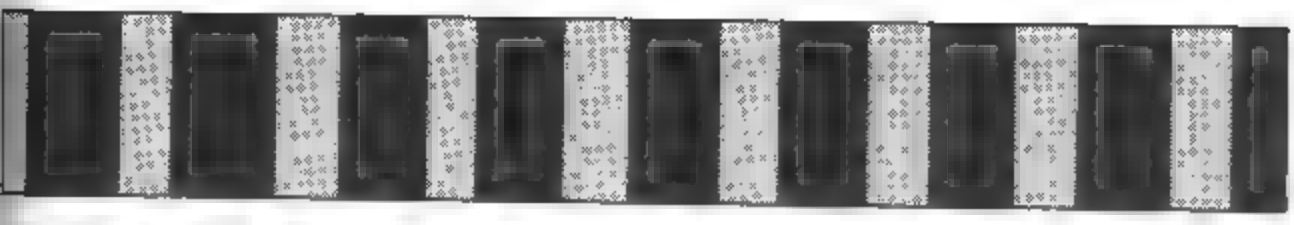
ELVIRA, WHAT ARE YOJ OOING HERE?
I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU AWAY.
YOU POOR THING
DID SOMEONE PICK ON YOU?
LET'S GO TO THE BLACK ANGELS.

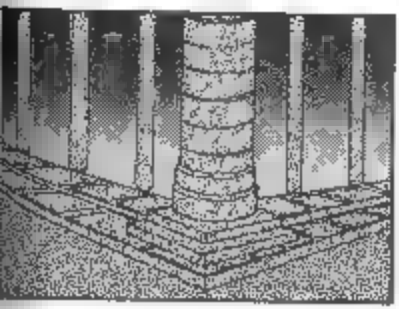
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WE'RE BEING ATTACKED FROM THE OUTSIDE AGAIN!
WE SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE NOW
WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU'RE
LORD MICHAEL? D D YOU JUST SAY ATTACK?
I'VE COME TO TAKE CHIHAYA AWAY
CHI-HAYA!
I CAN'T BE HERE ANYMORE?
THEY'LL WEL-COME YOU!
LET'S GO TOGETHER!
THEY'RE LIKE US!
BLACK ANGELS?

I AM A MESSENGER OF THE BLACK ANGELS
CHI-HAYA, WHERE ARE YOU--
PERHAPS
.....!
I SHOULD SIMPLY LET HIM GO

GOOD-
BYE,
LORD
MICHAEL
PLEASE
GIVE
THIS
TO
KAGE-
TSUYA
I KNOW HE'LL
UNDERSTAND

STOP THIS AT ONCE!
CHI-HAYA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'VE LOST MY WINGS, SO I AM NO LONGER AN ANGEL
I LOVE YOU, KAGETSUYA.
I NEVER WANTED TO UNTWINE MY HANDS FROM HIS.
AND THAT ON THAT STORMY NIGHT
THAT MY FEELINGS ARE SINCERE



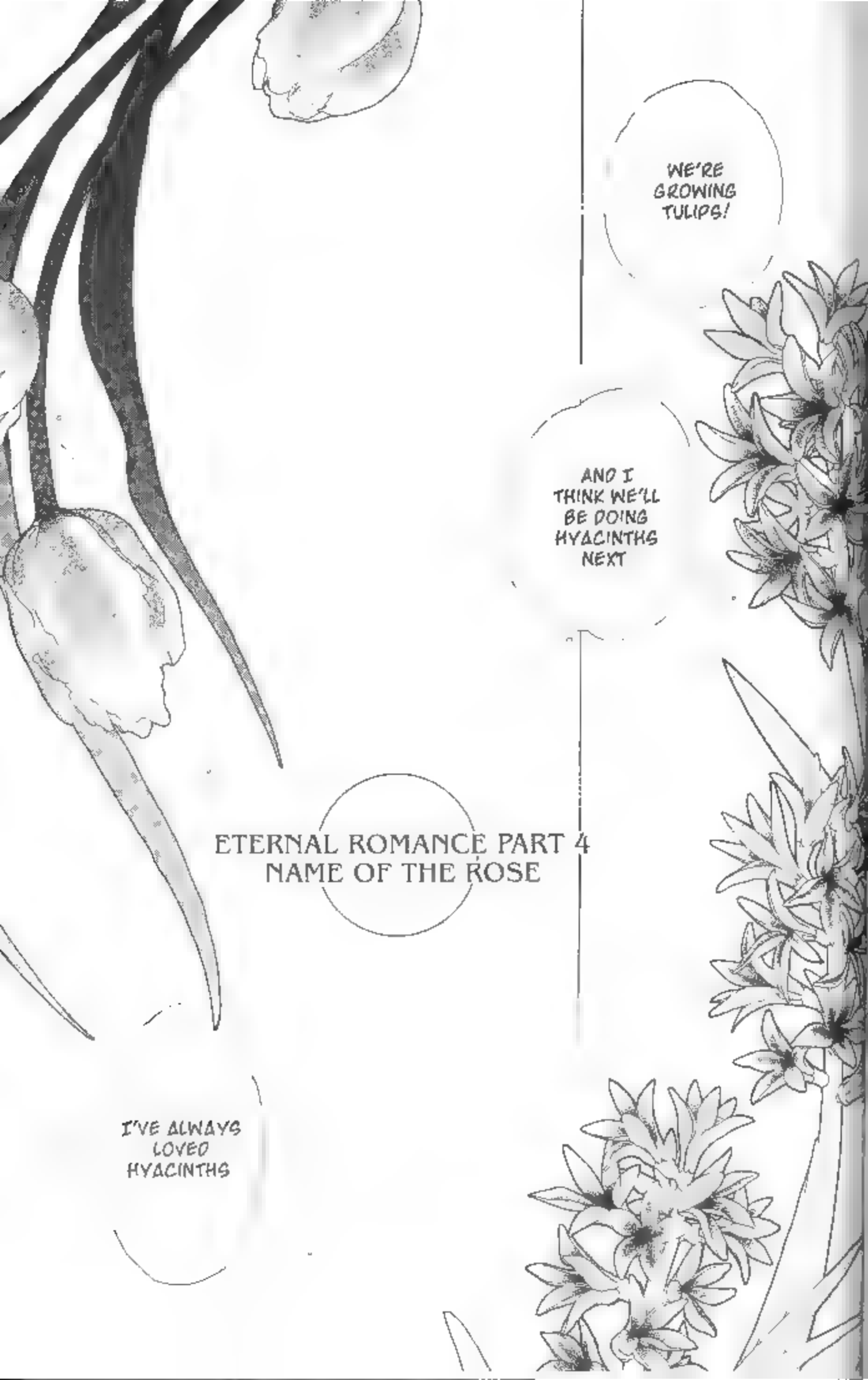


has ended.

The fate of the angels ..

I HAVE THREE NAMES.
ONE BELONGED TO A PRISONER "#71".
ONE BELONGED TO AN ANGEL "CHIHAYA."
AND ONE IS MY REAL NAME.
I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER GET USED TO ANY OF THESE NAMES.

IT SUITS YOU, MIYUKI
BUT IF IT'S COMING FROM TAKI
HEY, YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD IN THAT SAILOR OUTFIT
THE NAME I LOVE MOST
IT IS ALWAYS
TO BE
THANK YOU! I NEVER KNEW I WAS SO BEAUTIFUL!
I'M HAVING A TON OF FUN AT SCHOOL! I'M A MEMBER OF THE GARDENING CLUB!



ETERNAL ROMANCE PART 4
NAME OF THE ROSE

IS THERE ANYTHING A HUMAN CAN DO THAT WE CAN'T?
KEI?
AND WE KILL HUMANS AS WELL
HUMANS KILL OTHER HUMANS
LISTEN
..I'M SURE THERE'S PLENTY HUMANS CAN DO THAT WE CAN'T
OOH, YOU THINK SO?
HOW ABOUT SUPER POWERS?
LIKE PYRO-KINESIS?

OUR ABILITIES..
ARE FAR SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF MEAGLY HUMANS
NORMAL HUMANS DON'T HAVE SUPER POWERS, YOU KNOW?
IT IS NOT A ROBOT.
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S A ROBOT!
THAT'S ONE OF YOUR CREATIONS, PROFESSOR ASHIYA?
JUST BRILLIANT!
AS FOR PYRO-KINESIS..
..YOU WOULDN'T BE REFERING TO.
..#71, WOULD YOU?

I WILL MAKE A ROBOT
B-BUT, PRO-FESSOR, THAT'S --
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR YOUR DIRTY WORK, AND FOR SURVEIL-LANCE
JUST AS YOU LIKE
I WON'T MAKE YOJ ONE
PARDON ME. THE CORRECT TERM IS BIO-HUMANOID? WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR ONE OF MY OWN--
A MERE ROBOT SHOULD FIT YOUR NEEDS
NOT AT ALL I'M DOING EVERY-THING.
..YOU'VE ASKED
ANY PROBLEM WITH THAT?

YOU CAME TO ME WHEN THE JAPANESE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSE WAS DESTROYED
WE SHOULD GET OUT BEFORE WE UPSET HIM
WELL SOME-THING'S GOT THE PROF'S PANTIES IN A TWIST
JUST LOOK AT HIM
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT
SHALL WE GET RID OF HIM FOR YOU?
HE THINKS HE COULD USE MY BIO-HUMANOIDS FOR HIS OWN PLEASURE? PLEASE!
HMPH
THAT HYENA

NEITHER TAKI NOR TAKAKO.
PROFESSOR
YOUR FACE WAS MADE WITH THE SAME PARTS! HOW CAN YOU STILL BE SO DIFFERENT?!
YOU'RE BOTH MISTAKES!
I SHOULD'VE GIVEN BOTH OF YOU TO HIM
AGH
YOU WOULDN'T --

TAKI WAS ALL I NEEDED!
HE WAS MY GREATEST CREATION!
WHAT'S SO DIFFERENT BETWEEN US AND TAKI?!
EVERY-THING!!
WHAT IS IT THAT DISSATIS-FIES ME?!
I'M SICK OF DOING MY RESEARCH IN THIS DUMP!
TAKI WAS THE ONLY ONE!
ONLY MY BIO-HUMANOIDS CAN TRANSCEND HUMANS AND GODS!
TAKI!!
WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE YOU LIKE US?!
TAKI!

AND JUST A LITTLE MORE WATER, AND... THERE! ALL DONE!
TAKI..
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME
ONCE SPRING ROLLS AROUND, THIS WHOLE GARDEN WILL BE FULL OF TULIPS!
NOW COME
WE'RE GOING TO GO SEE HIM.

HERE'S SOME HAND CREAM
(to never think about your hands)
SORRY, BUT I GOT A DATE WITH TAKI!
IT'S SO COLD MY HANDS HAVE GONE NUMB!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ON THE WAY HOME? STOP BY RUMINA'S?
LUCKY YOU PLAN ON MARRYING HIM AND EVERYTHING, RIGHT?
YOU'RE SEEING TAKI-SAN AGAIN?
THANKS!!
I'LL BE SURE TO INVITE YOU TO THE WEDDING!
OOH! ARE YOU GOING TO WEAR A WEDDING DRESS?
Lucky!
YUP!
I'LL BE TAKI'S BRIDE!
OH, LOOK! THE RAPE FLOWERS ARE BLOSSOMING!

I WONDER THAT EVERY TIME I SEE A RAPE BLOSSOM
HUH? REALLY?
WHY NOT?
I DON'T LIKE RAPE BLOSSOMS
BECAUSE THAT WAS THE FLOWER MY DEAD MOTHER LIKED

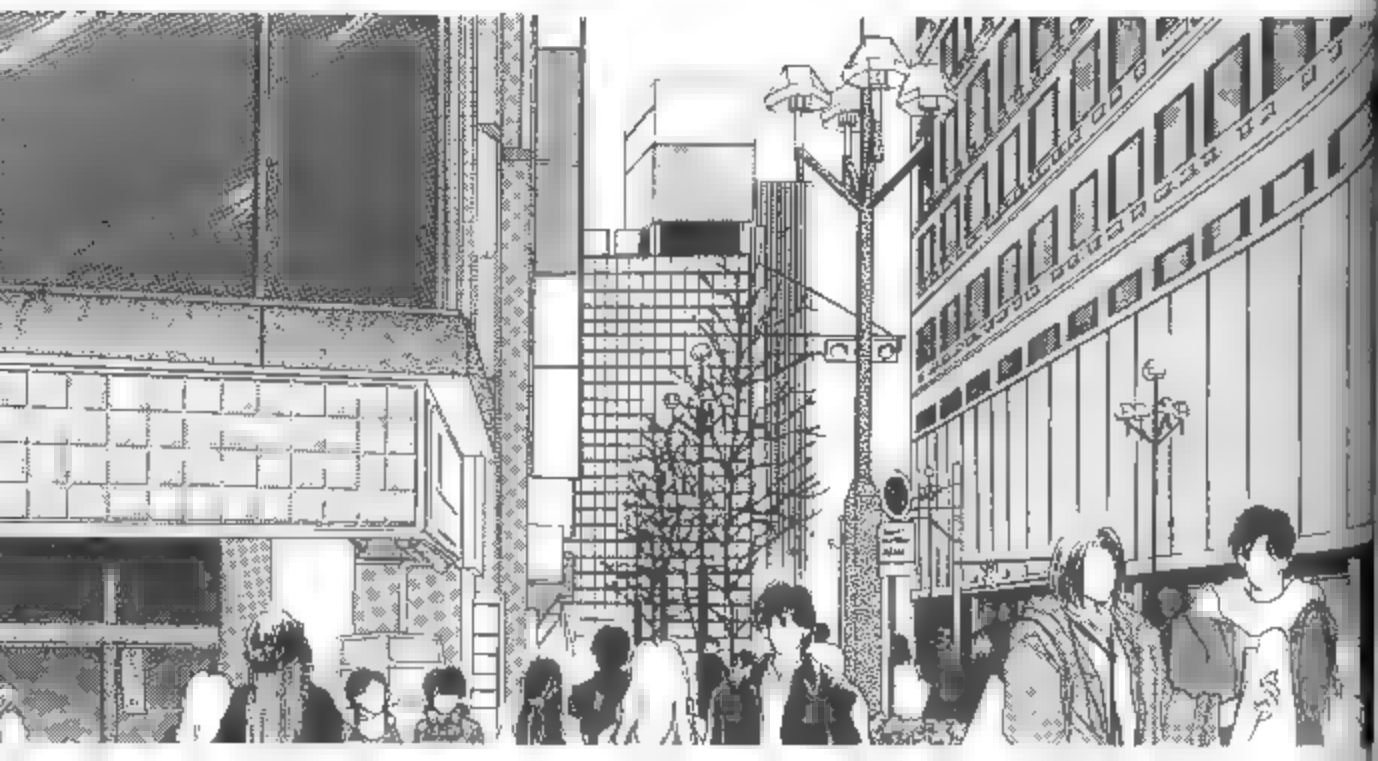
H-HEY!
THAT'S NOT FUNNY!
JUST KIDDING! FOOLED YOU!
HUH ..?
IT JUST WON'T DISAP-PEAR.
WELL, I STILL DON'T LIKE THOSE FLOWERS THEY'RE JUST SO PLAIN
THAT WAS JUST MEAN!
DON'T SCARE US LIKE THAT, MI-YUKI!

MY MOTHER WAS KILLED BECAUSE OF MY FATHER

MAYBE I'LL KILL HIM

THE FLAME IN MY CHEST

MAYBE I'LL KILL HIM.



I THINK THEY'RE BOTH FINE.
TAKI! TAKI! I CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND!
WHICH DO YOU THINK LOOKS BEST?
MY CITY
新宿駅
ばふっ
COME ON, HELP ME DECIDE!
EVEN IF IT IS 50% OFF, I'M STILL GOING OVER MY LIMIT!
がさがさ
50% OFF
I HAVE TO EFFICIENTLY USE THE MONEY THE DOC GAVE ME.
'LL BUY IT FOR YOU.

ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY? REALLY? REALLY?
I'M SO HAPPY!
I WON BIG AT PACH-INKO *
WHAT? ARE YOU FOR REAL?
YOU WANT BOTH OF THEM, RIGHT?
*NOTE Pachinko. Japanese pinball gambling.
I'M JUST TOO HAPPY!
ARE YOU REALLY REALLY SURE IT'S OKAY THOUGH? OMIGOD I CAN HAVE BOTH?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO EXCITED OVER IT
Do I really buy that little for you?
OKAY, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH SOMETHING YOU LIKE! HERE I GO!
JUST GET SOMETHING YOU WANT, MIYUKI

WHAT A CUTIE
IN THAT CASE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR ANY-THING--
I WANNA WEAR SOME-THING YOU LIKE!
IDIOT!
CAUSE I WANT YOU TO SAY I LOOK CUTE!
THE FLOWERS
ARE BLOSSOM-ING
MAKING A FLOWER GARDEN AND FALLING IN LOVE ARE THE SAME THING
YOU CULTIVATE IT EVERY DAY, AND EVERY DAY, A NEW BLOSSOM BLOOMS.
MANY OWERS LOOM.

A SINGLE ROSE IN A GARDEN OF TULIPS
I LOVE YOU, TAKI
IT'S SPECIAL BECAUSE IT'S THE BIGGEST AND PRETTIEST.
I'LL GO LOOK FOR SOME-THING.
TAKI IS LIKE A ROSE

WHOA!
WHAT ARE PA-CHIN-KO BALLS
.DOING
HERE?
PRO-FES-SOR ASHI-YA!
THEY'RE IN SHINJUKU?!

LONG TIME NO SEE
.....

55%OFF
55%OFF
PRO-
FESSOR
DON'T WORRY I'M NOT ABOUT TO MAKE A BIG FUSS IN A CROWD.

NO.
.STOP IT.
I JJST CAME TO A GET A LOOK AT YOUR FACE
YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT, DON'T YOU?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SMART ENOJGH TO KNOW
YOU'VE BECOME HUMAN
YOU WEREN'T CREATED LIKE THE OTHERS

THE MOMENT YOU DESTROYED MY GOD ..
..YOU SURPASSED ME AND BECAME HUMAN.
KILL ME.
I COULD NEVER DO THAT!
HUH? WHERE'D HE GO?
TAKI?
TAKI!
SO YOU'RE WITH #71?
LET ME TELL YOU SOME-THING INTER-ESTING

VERY FEW PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO USE PYROKINETIC ABILITIES.
A CERTAIN DISPO-SITION IS NECES-SARY
THAT GIRL IS HIDING HER MADNESS, WHICH IS THE VERY POWER OF HER FLAMES
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO TAKI?!
GET AWAY FROM HIM!
PRO-FES-SOR ASHI-YA?!

SHE MUSTN'T DO IT!
MI-YUKI!
I'LL KILL YOU!
HER MAD-NESS...
YOU BAS-TARD
MANI-FESTS AS FIRE.

I WON'T FORGIVE ANYONE WHO HURTS TAKI
KEI!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
NO, MIYUKI DON'T SAY THAT
HUMANS KILL OTHER HUMANS
BIO-HUMANOIDS ALSO KILL HUMANS
AND YOU WILL KILL ME

TAKI, THEY'RE GOING TO--
STOP THIS!
BUT--
PRO-FESSOR
IT ISN'T KILLING..
THAT MAKES A HUMAN

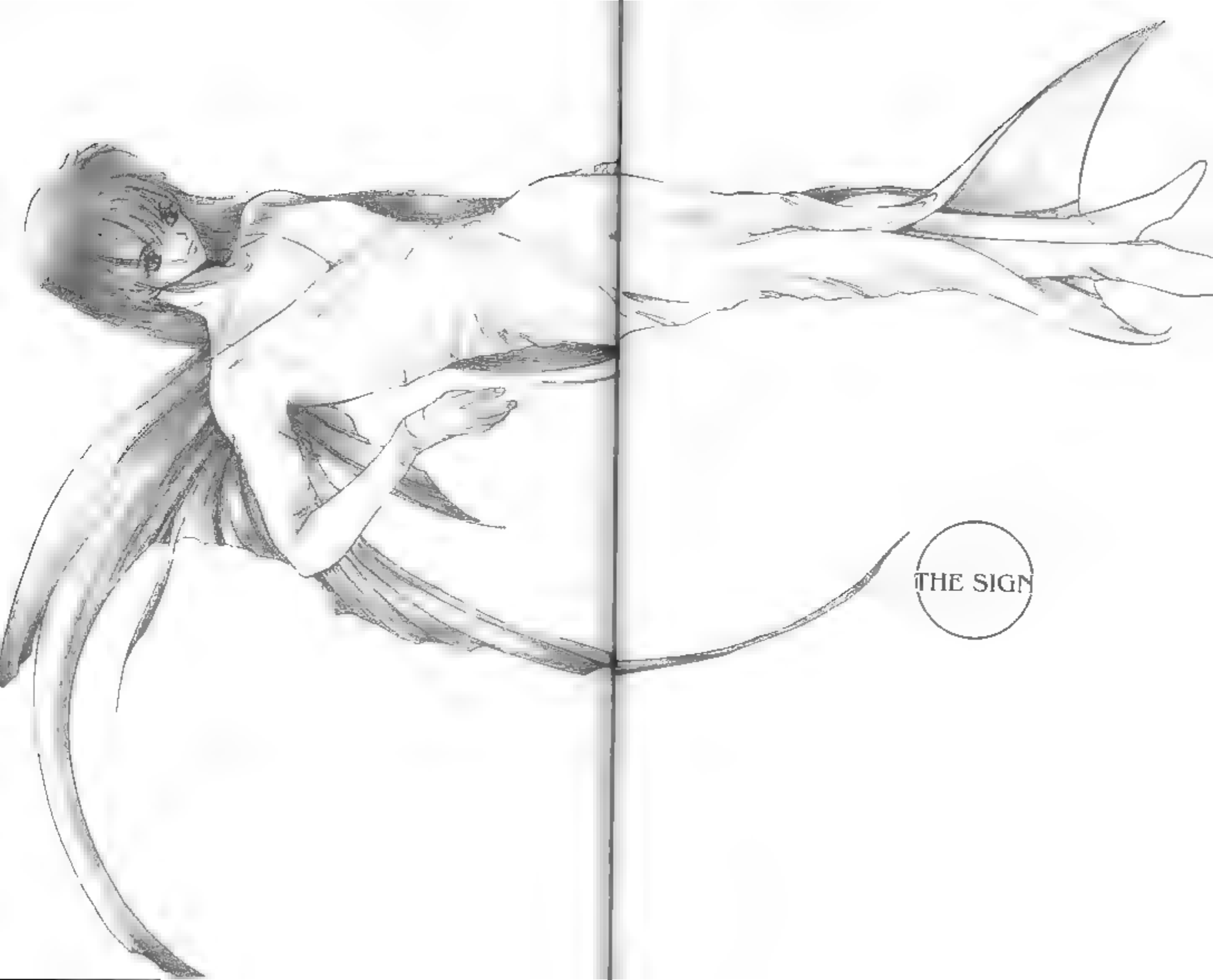
MIYUKI
THE ROSE
IS BLOSSOM-ING
Crackle Crackle

TAKI
SOME-DAY SOON.
THE TIME WILL COME
LET'S GO, KEI
Y-YES, PRO-FESSOR?
NANA.
WHAT MAKES JS SO IFFERENT FROM TAKI?
I STILL
DON'T GET IT

HE'S MORE HUMAN THAN THOSE WHO WERE BORN HUMAN
THANKS I'VE BEEN PRAC-TICING
I HAVE TO TRY NOT TO LOSE MY TEMPER
YOU CON-TROLLED IT VERY WELL.
I'LL PROTECT YOU
I WILL!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

HEY.
...TAKI?
MY PRECIOUS ROSE
I LOVE YOU.

I should've
been gentler
while you were
still around to
love me
I should have
said it as many
times as I could,
while you were
still around to
hear it.


THE SIGN

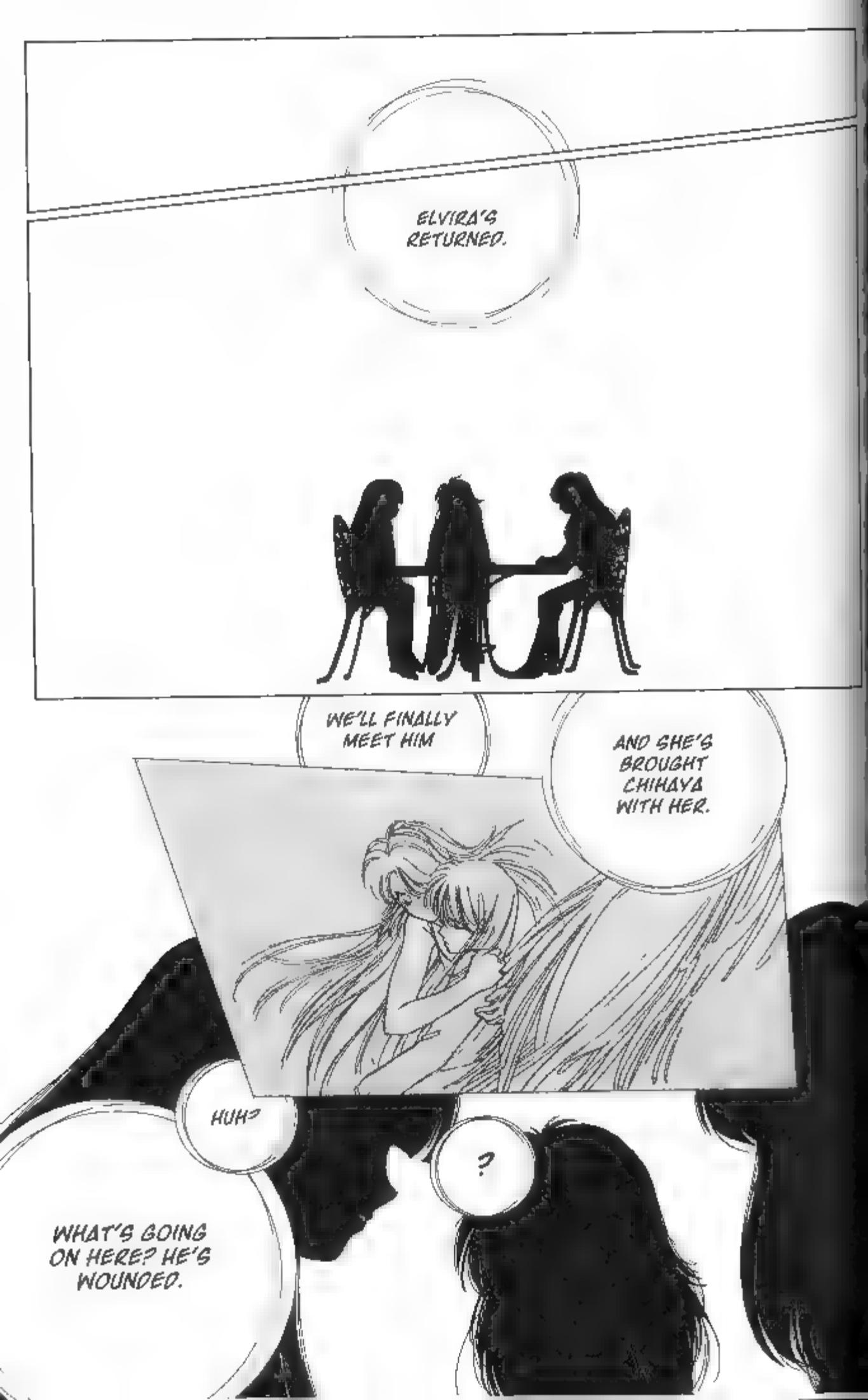
What is the crime in loving someone?

THE BLACK ANGELS?
I'VE COME TO TAKE CHIHAYA AWAY.
WHO ARE..
I'M A MESSENGER OF THE BLACK ANGELS.
AND YOU ARE?
SHE TOOK CHIHAYA AWAY.

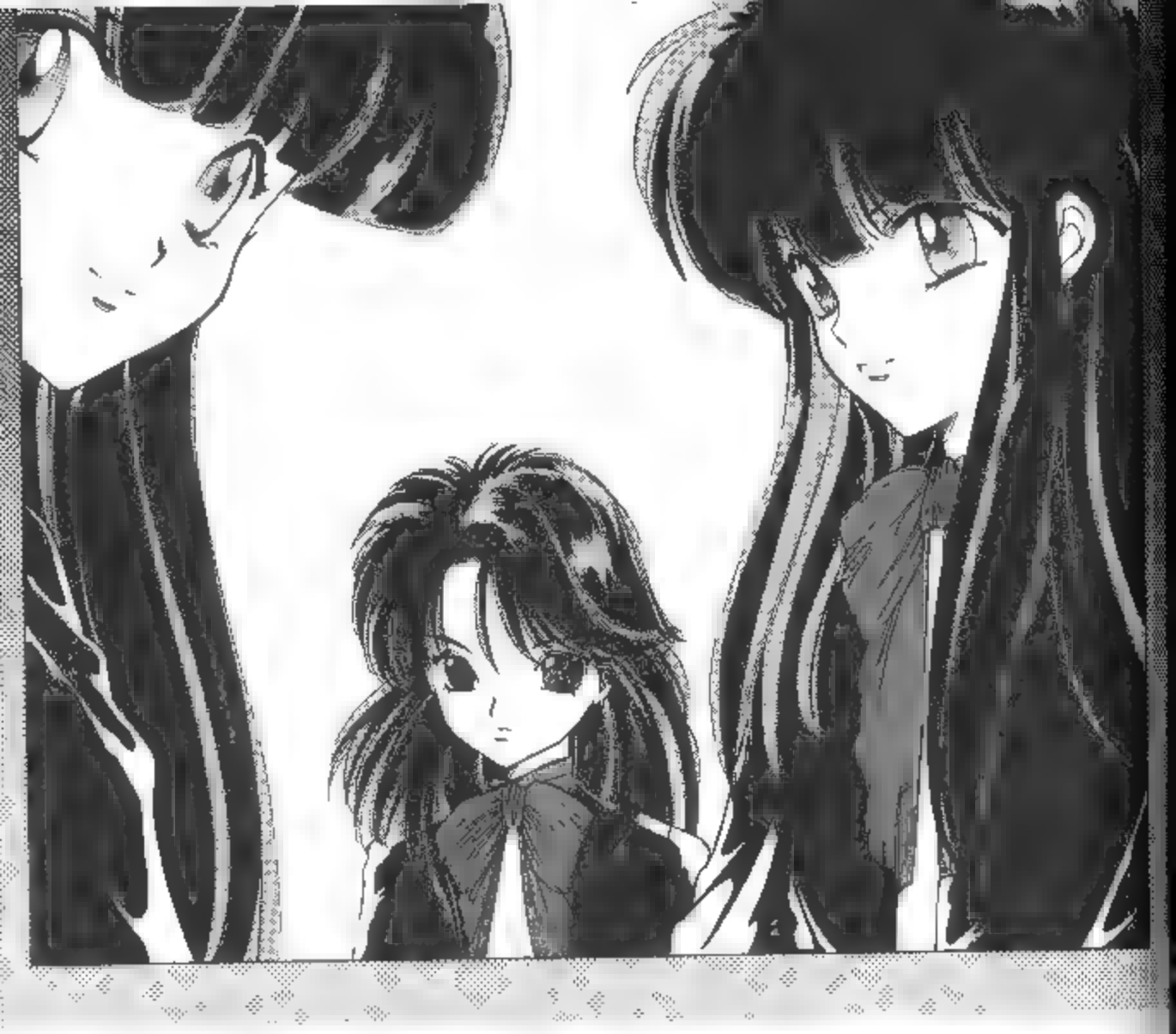
SHE TOOK.
CHIHAYA
U-HERE'S MY REPORT CARD.
LORD MICHAEL?

THAT'S GREAT, CHIHAYA!
YOU GOT ALL SPECIALS! EXCELLENT!
TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
PLEASE I REALLY WANT TO DO IT!
WELL..
YOU WANT TO BE A CHECKER FOR THE PLUSES?
HUH?
ALL RIGHT I'LL THINK ABOUT IT
FARE-WELL, LORD MICHAEL!
BUT WHY TO EARTH ?

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET HIM.


ELVIRA'S RETURNED.
WE'LL FINALLY MEET HIM
AND SHE'S BROUGHT CHIHAYA WITH HER.
HUH?
?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? HE'S WOUNDED.

HELP US!
BLACK ANGELS, PLEASE.
...HIS...HIS WINGS!
HELP HIM, HE'S DYING!
PLEASE SAVE CHIHAYA!



BEEP
BLACK ANGELS' ELVIRA HAS RETURNED

Huff

Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff

IT'S ABOUT CHIHAYA, ISN'T IT?
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
NUMBER 3'S ALREADY ON HER WAY
TMP

I'LL SAVE HIM.
DON'T CRY, ELVIRA.
CH-CHI-HAYA IS--
LET ME SEE.

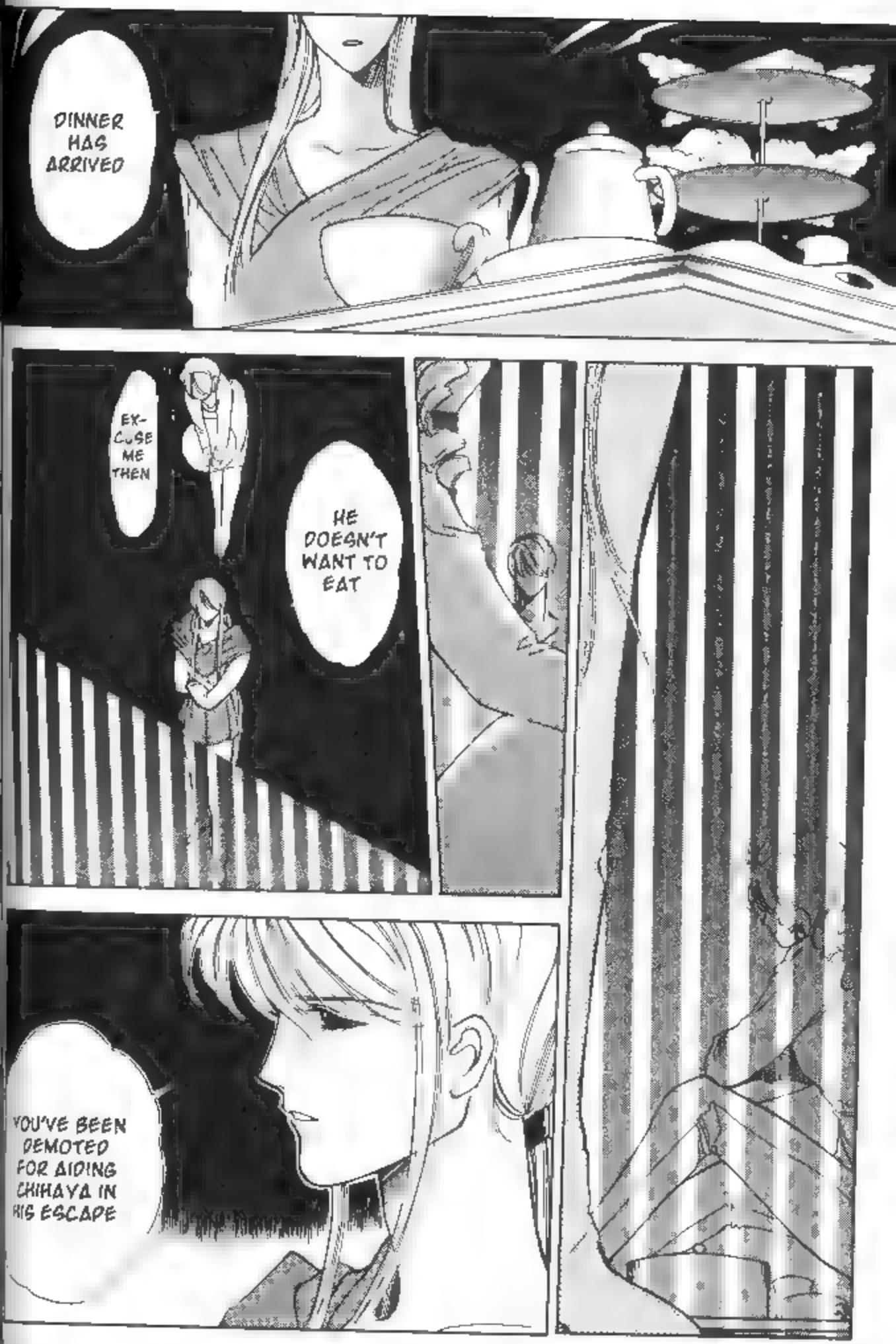
WHO ARE YOU?
I AM A BLACK ANGEL.
WELCOME TO OUR CASTLE.

WHO COULD FIND
THIS INSTITUTION, HIDDEN SO DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS?

BLACK MARKET SCIENCE
YOU DON'T MEAN--
HOUSE?!
OUR SPONSOR IS..
..AN ORGAN-IZATION KNOWN AS HOUSE.
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO MADE TAKI!
THEY'RE STILL AFTER HIM!
THEY'RE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A LARGE-SCALE WEAPON FOR MILITARY USE
HOW CAN YOU WORK WITH AN ORGAN-IZATION LIKE HOUSE?!
IT CAN'T BE! ELVIRA--
I DON'T AGREE WITH THEM...I HATE WHAT THEY DO...

ANGELS DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THE FATE OF EARTH
I AM NUMBER 2
WE ARE MUTE. PARDON US FOR COMMUNI-CATING VIA TELEPATHY.
FIGHT-ING THE ANGELS ?
SHE'S SPEAKING THROUGH TELE-PATHY...
..BUT THEY ARE NECESSARY FOR FIGHTING THE ANGELS
I AM KNOWN AS NUMBER 1
BLACK ANGELS? ARE YOU ALL ANGELS?
I DION'T KNOW THERE WERE HUMANS WITH SUCH A STRONG TELEPATHIC ABILITY
THESE CHIL-DREN ARE
WE ARE EARTHIAN.
NO
"EARTHIAN?

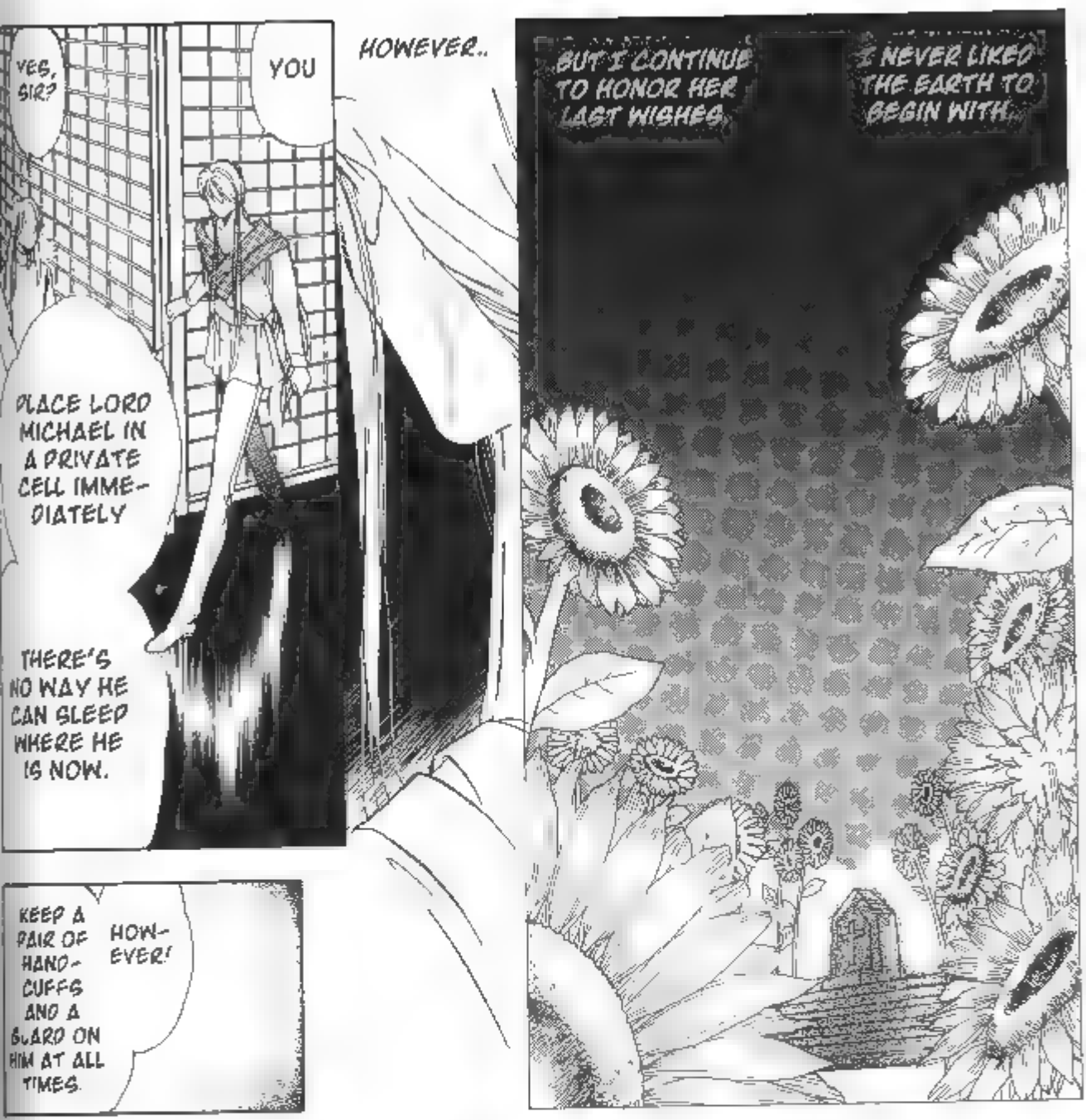
CHIHAYA...
THE BLACK ANGELS ARE A MIX OF BOTH EARTHIAN AND ANGEL

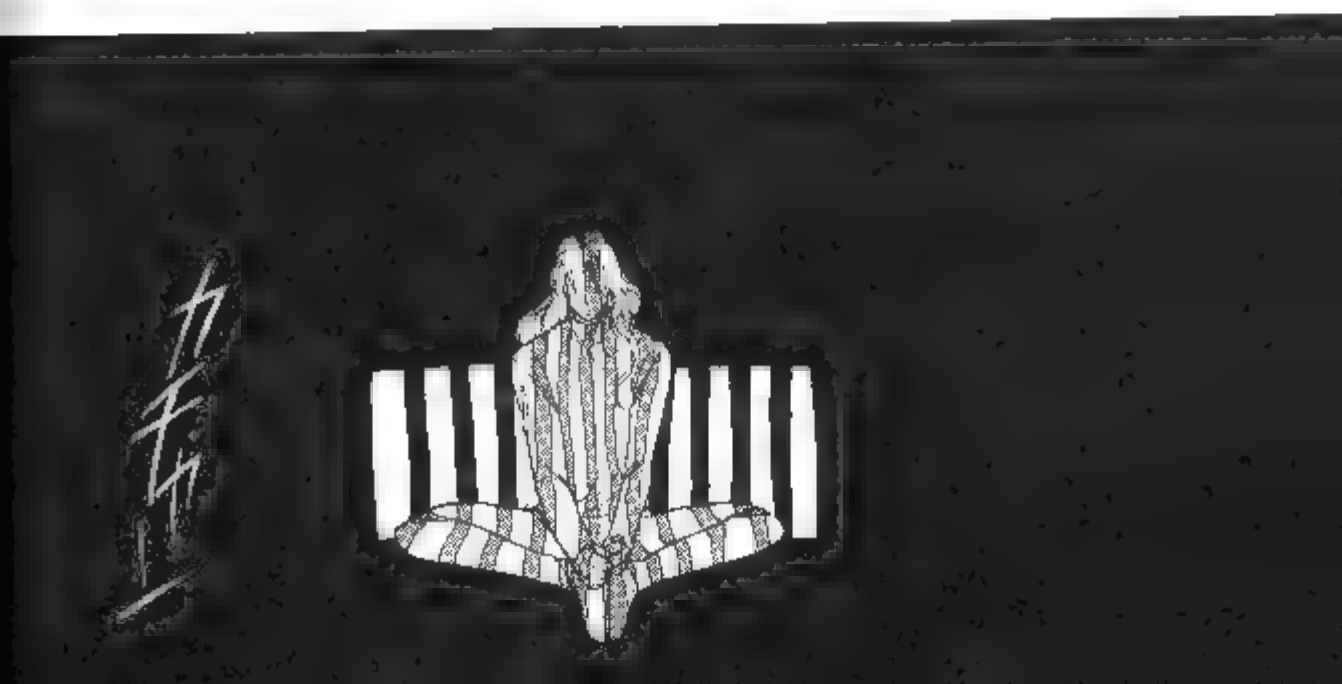

DINNER HAS ARRIVED
EX-CUSE ME THEN
HE DOESN'T WANT TO EAT
YOU'VE BEEN DEMOTED FOR AIDING CHIHAYA IN HIS ESCAPE

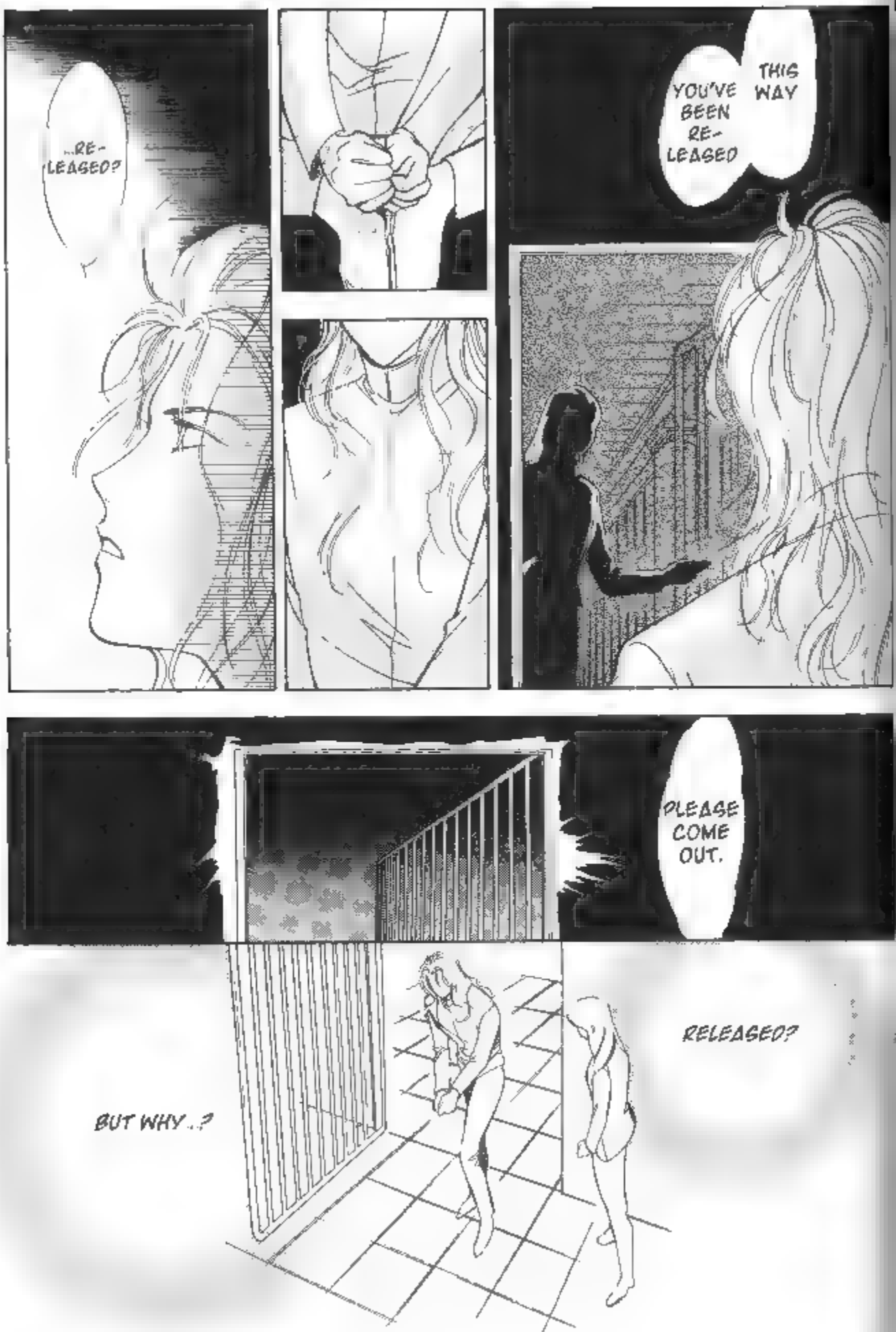
I'M SURE HE'D BE VERY SAD IF HE KNEW
THANKS TO YOU, NOW I'M THE COMMAND-ING OFFICER
I COULDN'T STAND TO WATCH..
WHY DID YOU LET HIM FLEE?
I CAN FREE EVERY-THING
EARTH
EVEN YOU.
...HIM HURT LIKE THAT.
DID YOU THINK ANY-THING GOOD COULD COME OF IT?

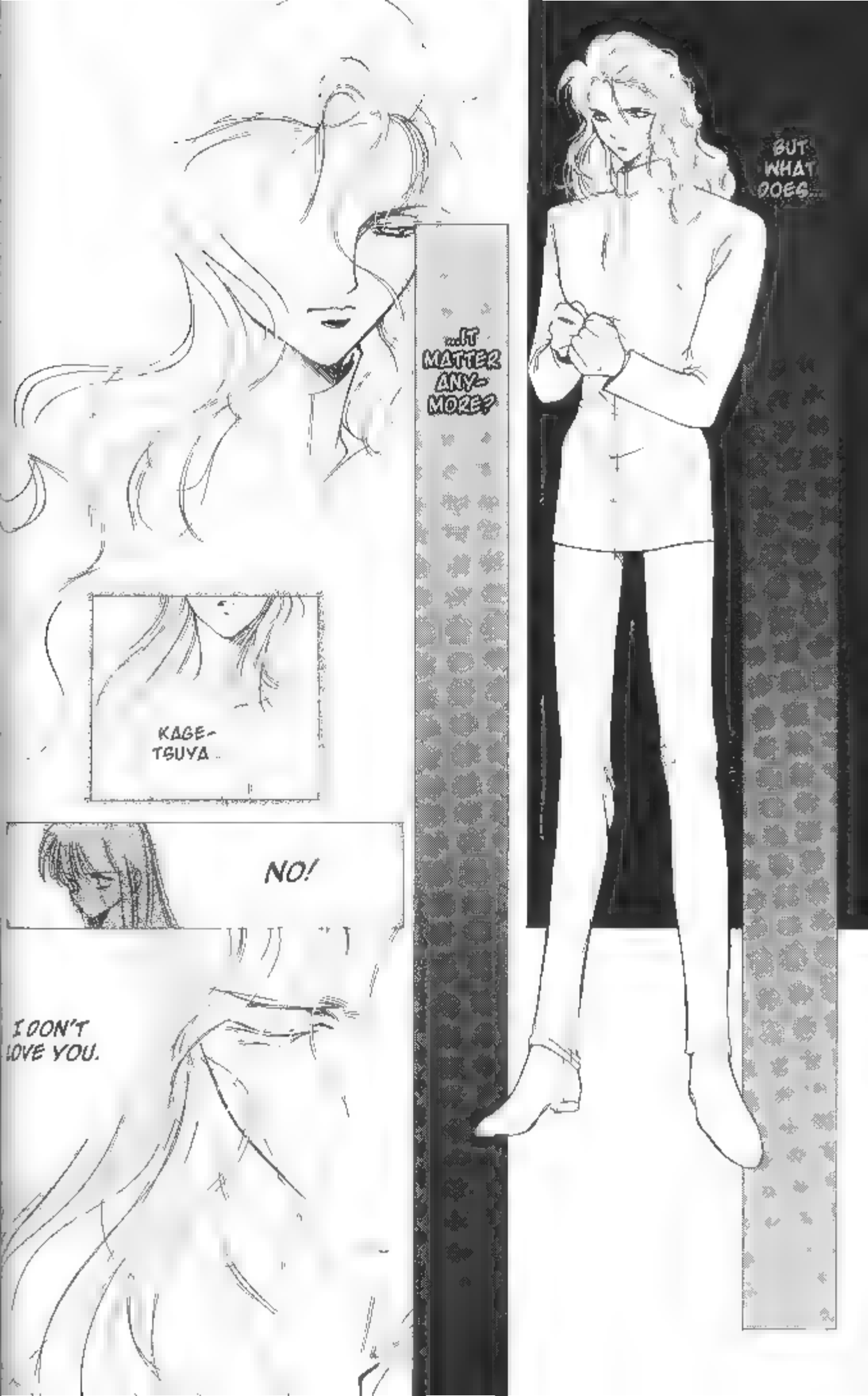
I CHOOSE..
..TO ATTACK EARTH.
RAPHAEL!
I WILL PUT AN END TO ALL THIS
WAIT! RAPHAEL!
CONSIDER!
I DON'T TAKE YOUR ORDERS ANY MORE
HE'S GOING TO DO IT!

RAPH-
AEL, NO.
DON'T DO
IT!
DON'T
YOU
DARE.
..TOUCH
EARTH!
"DON'T
TOUCH
EARTH."
I
KNOW.
THAT WAS
LUCIFEL'S LAST
REQUEST.


YES, SIR?
YOU
HOWEVER..
PLACE LORD MICHAEL IN A PRIVATE CELL IMMEDIATELY
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN SLEEP WHERE HE IS NOW.
KEEP A PAIR OF HANDCUFFS AND A GUARD ON HIM AT ALL TIMES.
HOWEVER!
BUT I CONTINUE TO HONOR HER LAST WISHES.
I NEVER LIKED THE EARTH TO BEGIN WITH.




...RE-
LEASED?
THIS WAY
YOU'VE BEEN RE-LEASED
PLEASE COME OUT.
RELEASED?
BUT WHY..?


...IT MATTER ANY-- MORE?
BUT WHAT DOES...
KAGE- TSUYA..
NO!
I DON'T LOVE YOU.

YOU LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?
..ACHES
MY HEART..
I WON'T ASK YOU AGAIN.

LUNCH-
TIME!
YIPPEE!
NUMBER
2 IS MY
DAUGHTER

AND SINCE I...
WAS BORN OF THE ANGEL SERAPHIM AND MY EARTHIAN MOTHER...
...I WAS THE FIRST GENER-ATION MIX.
NUMBER TWO IS THE SECOND MIX, BORN BETWEEN MYSELF AND AN EARTHIAN MALE
THE BLACK WINGS AND HAIR, AS WELL AS INHERENT IMMUNITY TO THE BLACK CANCER
... ONLY OCCURS RANDOMLY IN THE FIRSTS

..AS OFFSPRING BETWEEN EARTHIAN AND ANGELS INCREASE, THE POSSIBILITY OF BLACK CANCER DECREASES
IN OTHER WORDS..
BUT IT OCCURS 100% IN THE SECONDS
fights the Black Cancer and dies
Angel
Dies from cancer doesn't affect Earthian,
First generation mix Some unaffected by Black Cancer
Mix of First generation and Earthian
Second generation mix None affected by Black Cancer
YOU LOOK EXACTLY LIKE A BLACK ANGEL, CHIHAYA.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS TO SAVE THE ANGELS
EITHER YOU PROCREATE WITH THE EARTHIAN .
.OR WE ANALYZE YOU AND YOUR PERFECT BODY.
THAT PROBABLY MEANS YOU WERE THE ONLY ANGEL..
.TO RAPIDLY EVOLVE A MUTATION
NO ..

I HOPE THEY ALL DIE .
..SUFFERING, AS SERAPHIM DID.
I WONDER IF LORD SERAPHIM KNEW ABOUT THIS..
SORRY TO DISILLUSION YOU, BUT .
.. WE DIDN'T MIX BLOOD JUST TO SAVE THE ANGELS!
IF THIS HAIR AND BODY WERE A RESULT OF EVOLUTION, THEN
THE ANGELS WOULD NEVER HAVE ACCEPTED ME!

STRONGER THAN YOU
..OR I
THE BLACK ANGELS HAVE INCREDIBLE POWERS
THEY'RE STRONGER THAN ANY ANGEL.
RIGHT NOW..
THE BELL OF DESTRUCTION..
..TOLLS ABOVE THE HEADS OF THE ANGELS

THE BELL OF DESTRUC-TION

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE HURT ANY-MORE
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE BACK.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
IT'S ALL OVER NOW
..FOR SCIEN-TIFIC STUDY
..WAS TAKEN IN BY THE MEDICAL CENTER..
THE RIGHT WING THAT WAS BROKEN OFF BY THE BLACK ANGEL..
..NONE OF THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE OF CHI-HAYA'S ESCAPE?
SHALL WE JUST COVER OUR EARS AND PRETEND..
WE DON'T NEED TO HEAR THAT!
STOP IT, MIYAGI!

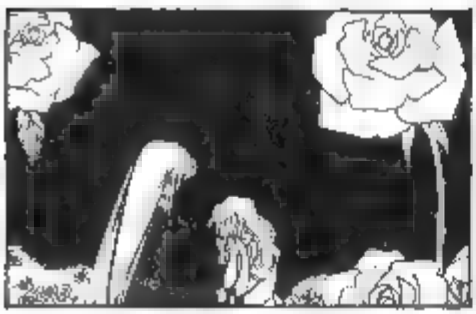
JUST
STOP IT!
IF YOU SAY ANY-THING MORE, I SWEAR I'LL HATE YOU, MIYAGI!
THE JURY WAS ON YOUR SIDE FROM THE START!
HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
DON'T HURT KAGE-TSUYA ANY-MORE!
.IMPOR-TANT TO ME!
HE'S..
HE'S SO..
HE LEFT HIS WING FOR YOU.
BUT I'LL STILL SAY IT.
I'M SORRY, AYA.
MIYAGI

HIS WING..?!
BECAUSE...
...THERE IS NOTHING ELSE I CAN GIVE YOU
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE MINUSES HAVE GATHERED OVER 10,000 POINTS?!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
I WENT OVER THE SURVEY RESULTS WITH A FINE-TOOTH COMB!
THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE FOUR HOURS AGO

...BE DESTROYED
IT CAN'T BE.
BUT
...THAT MEANS EARTH WILL...
BUT CHI-HAYA-SAN --
THE EARTHIAN ARE MEANT TO BE DESTROYED.
IT MAKES NO DIFFER-ENCE WHO SAYS WHAT.
THE EARTHIAN ARE MEANT TO BE DE-STROYED.
I I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
WHAT ABOUT CHIHAYA-SAN? WHAT DOES HE SAY?
HUH? BUT MY DATA SAYS IT STILL ISN'T UP TO 10,000--
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
WE OBEY OUR SUPERI-ORS.
WE'RE STILL GATHERING THE TOTAL, SO WE CAN'T SAY FOR SURE.

LORD URIEL.
WEL-COME

IF YOU ARE REFERRING TO LORD RAPHAEL, HE'S IN THE GARDEN
IS HE AROUND?
MISS ROTTEN-MEIER. IT'S BEEN AGES.



WHAT'S THIS? MAKING THE WIFE CRY?

I REALLY WISH YOU WOULON'T GOSSIP
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?
NO, I JUST --
URIEL.
YO
.....
WHAT?
WE'RE GOING INTO BAT-TLE.
I JUST ALWAYS KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME.
WE ARE GATHERING TROOPS FROM AMONG THE MINUS CHECKERS.
I DION'T THINK IT WAS TRUE
I'D HEARD AN INSANE RUMOR ABOUT 10,000 MINUSES, AND THAT WE WERE GOING TO WAR, BUT..

AYA!
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO GET ON THE META-TRON?
IF KAGE-TSUYA'S GOING..
..THEN I'M GOING TOO!
WE HAVE TO STOP THIS WAR!
THE ATTACK ON VALHALLA FROM THE BLACK ANGELS CONTINUES.
PERHAPS IT CAN BE AVOIDED.
DON'T RUSH THIS, RAPHAEL.
RAPHAEL!
IS THERE SOME-THING THE MATTER?

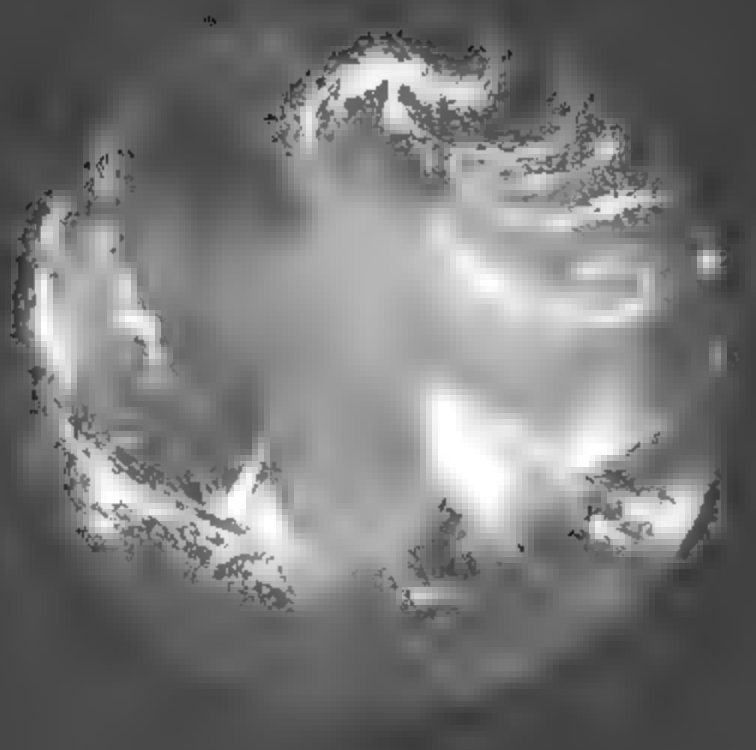
TAKE CARE, RAPHAEL.
I HAVE TO FIND SOME REAL DATA!
I HAVE TO STOP HIM!
WE ARE CURRENTLY ATTACKING VALHALLA.
WHAT SHALL WE DO AFTER THIS?
ANOTHER HIT! WE'RE DOING WELL!
IS THE MESSAGE BEING SENT? "RETREAT FROM EARTH."

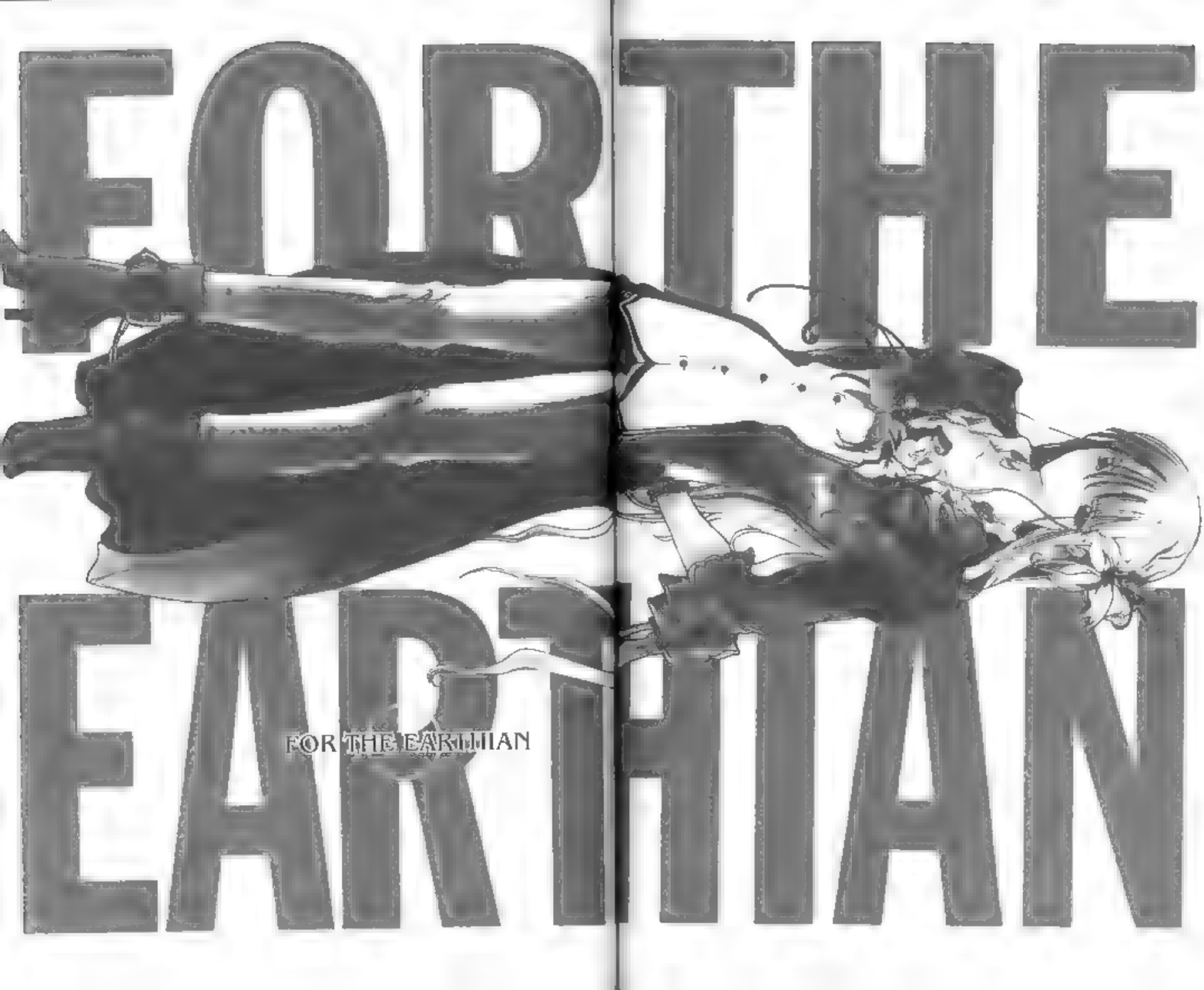
CHIHAYA...
SHALL WE TRY INVADING VALHALLA?
WHO ARE YOU?
YOU CAN'T GO BACK TO EDEN
WHAT WILL YOU DO THERE? YOU'RE ON OUR SIDE, AREN'T YOU?
WE WELCOME YOU
I CAN'T GO BACK HOME
YOU DON'T BELONG TO THAT STAR ANY LONGER
YOU'LL FIGHT ALONG-SIDE US, RIGHT?

YOU'LL FIGHT WITH US?
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE SOME-THING!
YOU LOVE THE EARTH?
YOU'RE WILLING TO PROTECT IT?
NO
ARE YOU CRY-ING?
I'LL NEVER CRY

What would you do if the Earth were going to be destroyed next week?

What would you do if you were going to die the next week?




FOR THE EARTHIAN

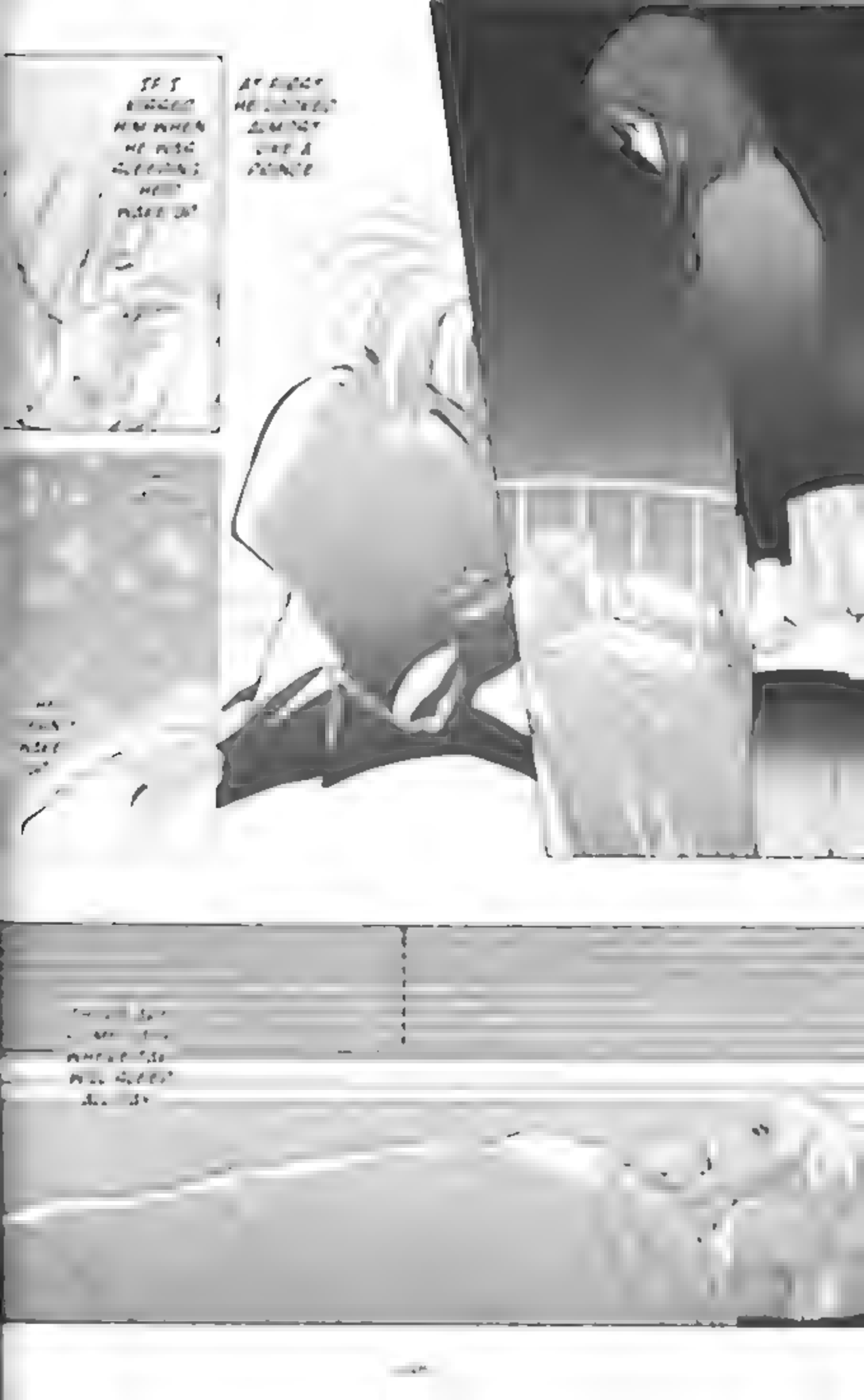
"I would
choose to
die alone"

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MIYUKI?
JUST THOUGHT I SAW A STRANGE SHADOW
LIKE A GIANT BIRD PASSING OVERHEAD
REALLY?

WELL I'M GONNA GO HOME NOW
YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?
SHE DOESN'T HANG OUT MUCH THESE DAYS
WELL, WHO WOULD BLAME HER?
SHE HAS SOMEONE SICK TO TAKE CARE OF AT HOME

I DON'T SEE ANY BIRDS

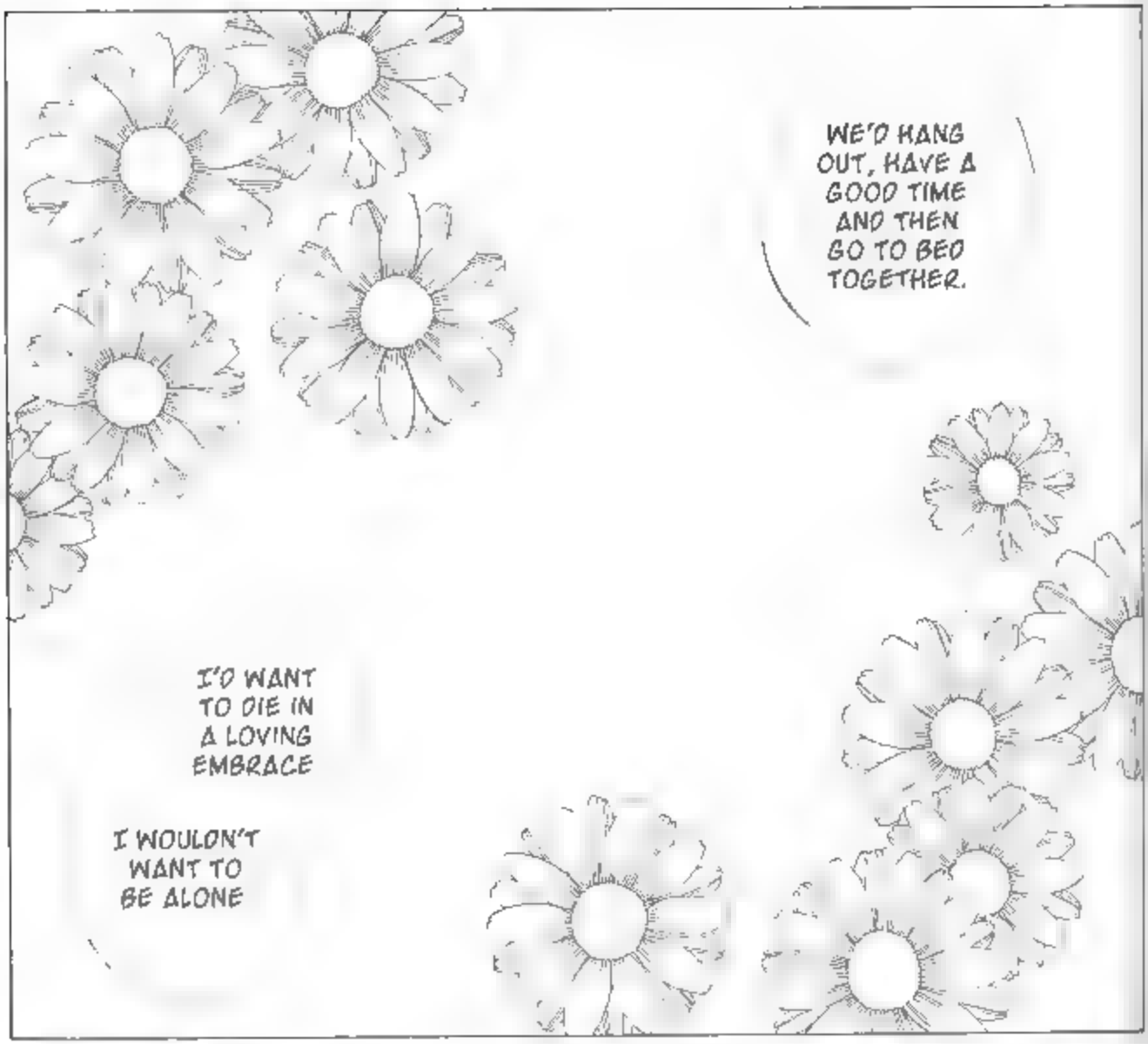
I'VE WORRIED
LATELY.

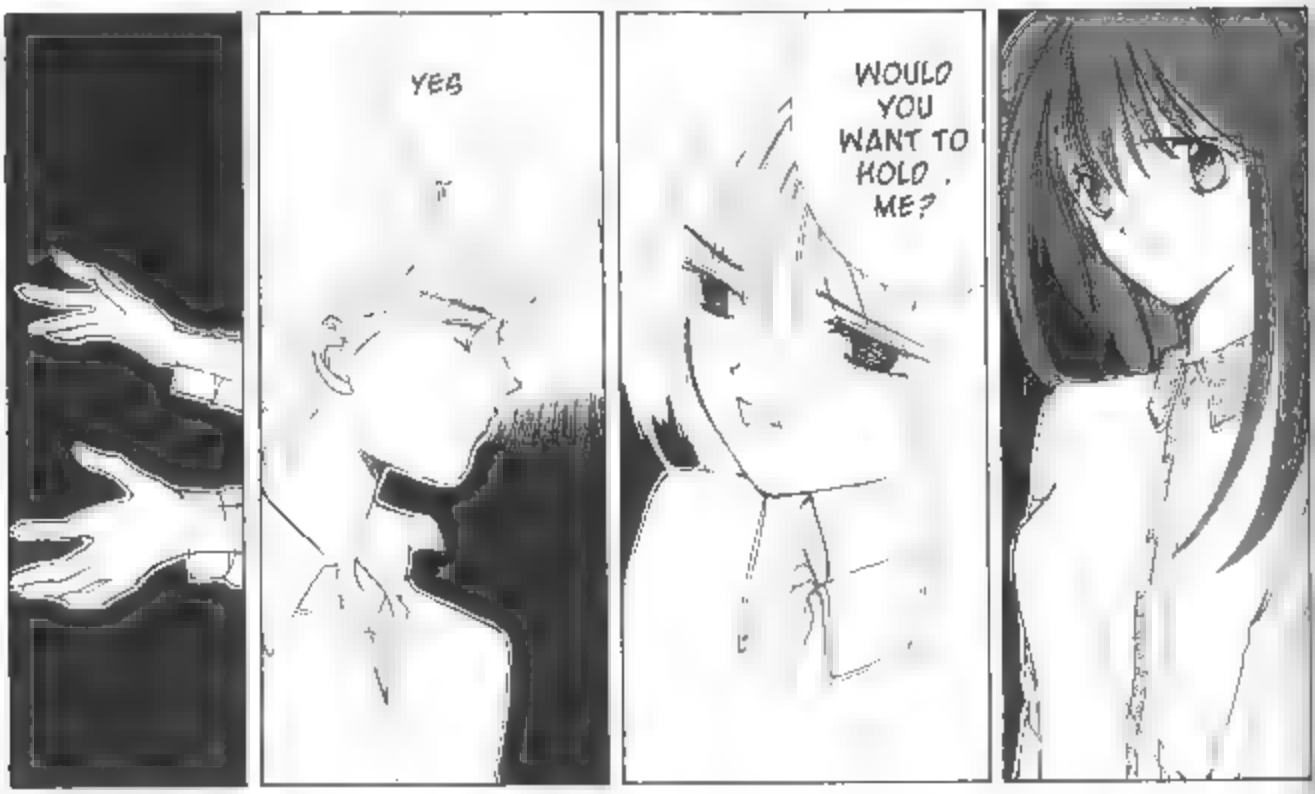


HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
MORNING, TAKI
DID I FALL ASLEEP
AGAIN?
N-NO, NO
.....

THE WORLD
I KNEW IT
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S A GIANT, BLACK BIRD
IT'S HERE!

IF THE WORLD WERE GOING TO END, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
TAKI?
I PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING IT WOJLDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE ANYWAY
WHERE DID THAT QUESTION COME FROM?
IF EVERYONE WERE GOING TO DIE, AND I COULDN'T STOP IT, I GUESS I'D GO OUT AND HAVE A NICE MEAL WITH SOMEONE I LOVE
THAT'S A PRETTY DISTURB-ING THOUGHT
BUT IF THE WORLD WERE ABOUT TO BE DESTROYED, AND EVERYONE WOULD DIE, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?


WE'D HANG OUT, HAVE A GOOD TIME AND THEN GO TO BED TOGETHER.
I'D WANT TO DIE IN A LOVING EMBRACE
I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE ALONE

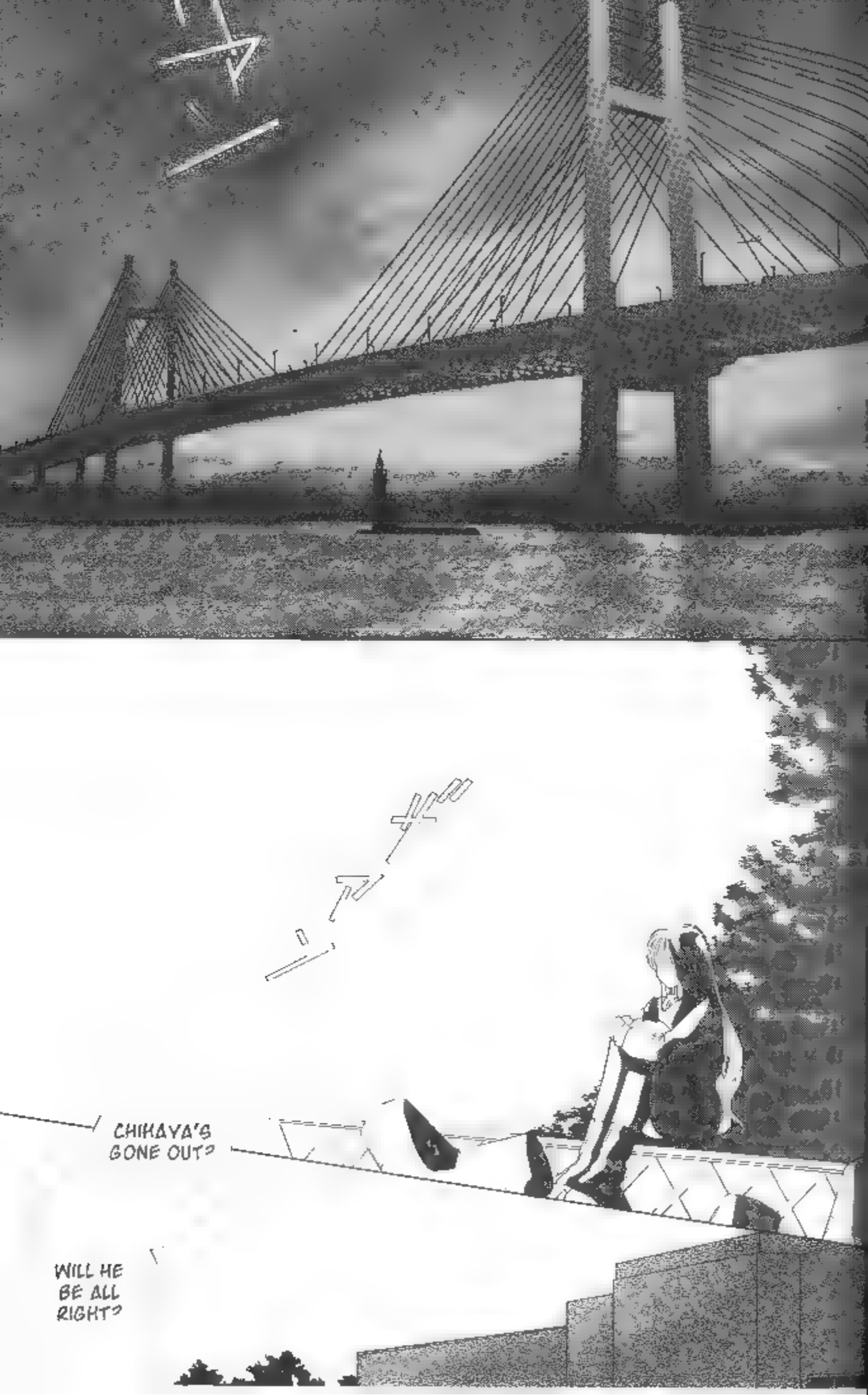

YES
WOULD YOU WANT TO HOLD ME?

MIYUKI ?
WH-WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
MI-YUKI!
I WON'T LET YOU DIE, TAKI!
NEVER!
MI--
DAMN THIS. PIECE OF JUNK!
MY LIFESPAN..

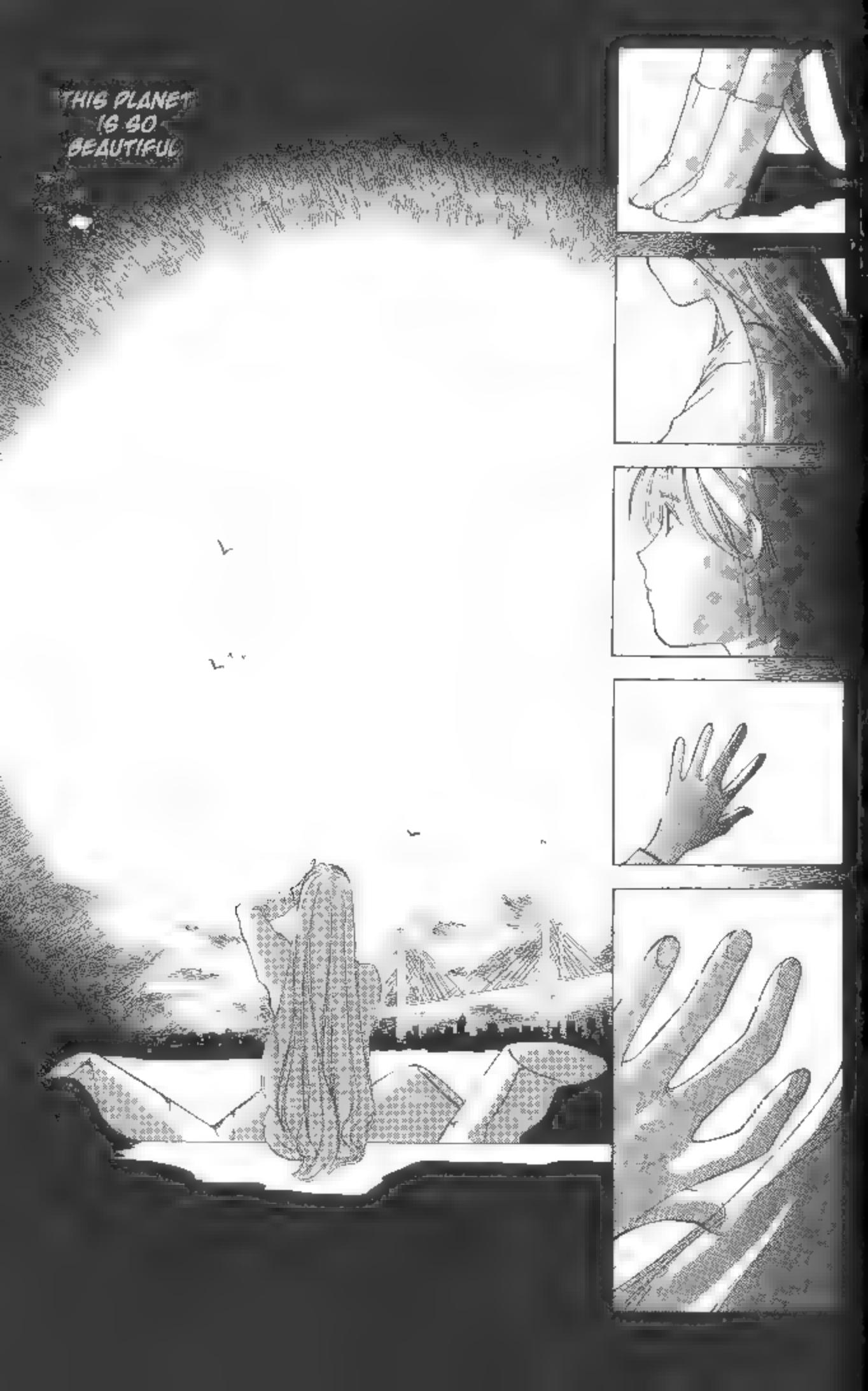
MY CANDLE'S FLAME IS FLICKERING OUT
ONLY DESIGNED TO LAST. THREE YEARS
ALL I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS LEAVING YOU BEHIND.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME A PROTO-TYPE
..IS RUNNING OUT
IT WAS FUN, THOUGH. THANKS TO YOU.
I KNOW YOU'LL BE HAPPY
I'M SURE YOU'LL GROW INTO A BEAJTIFJL WOMAN.
BUT BEFORE I SHUT DOWN PERMA-NENTLY
I WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, CHIHAYA

THAT'S WHAT THE ANGEL SAID
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I'M CRYING! JUST DO SOME-THING FOR TAKI!
QUIT CRY-ING.
E-EVEN IF IT MAY NOT WORK! TRY!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A DOCTOR, RIGHT? CAN'T YOU DO SOME-THING?!
TAKI'S ALREADY LIVED A GOOD PORTION OF HIS MACHINE LIFE
I CAN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING, MIYUKI-CHAN.
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU IF TAKI DIES!

I'VE BEEN DEVELOPING ARTIFICIAL ORGANS FOR TAKI, BUT..
I DOUBT IF WE'LL MAKE IT IN TIME
YOU STUPID DOCTOR!
I'M SORRY, BUT TAKI ISN'T CAPABLE OF HAVING CHILDREN
DOES THAT MEAN I CAN'T BEAR TAKI'S CHILDREN?
I SAID SOMETHING STUPID!
IT'S NOT THAT I EVEN WANTED TO DO THAT! TAKI'S CHILDREN
...AREN'T TAKI!


CHIKAYA'S GONE OUT?
WILL HE BE ALL RIGHT?

IT IS HIS FATE TO FIGHT FOR THE EARTHIAN
CHIKAYA WOULD NOT BETRAY US
I CAN SEE HIM
..STANDING AGAINST A GIANT BIRD.
CAN WE BE SURE?
YES


THIS PLANET IS SO BEAUTIFUL

"YOU GETTING ON THE METATRON, TOO?"
"WELL, IF IT ISN'T SAYAKA!"
"WHAT A SHAME! PLUS CHECKERS GET SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO RIDE FIRST!"
"NO, I'M NOT!"

"I CANNOT SUPPORT THE ATTACK ON EARTH!"
"AREN'T YOU GOING TO ENLIST?"
"NO, I'M NOT!"
"KAGE-TSUYA'S GOING"
"TOO BAD"
KAGETSUYA, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

LONG TIME NO SEE, SAYAKA HOW'VE YOU BEEN HOLDING UP?
.....
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO DO IT?
WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT? HURRY IT UP
I'M BUSY PRE-PARING FOR THE ATTACK

WHAT, EXACTLY, ARE YOU PREPARING FOR?!
NO! LET ME FINISH!
SA-YAKA
IF YOU BOARD THE METATRON, YOU WILL FACE CHIKAYA!
YOU MIGHT END UP FIGHTING AGAINST CHIKAYA! ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THAT?!
THE EARTHIAN ARE STRONG AND WILL RESIST THIS BATTLE WON'T END WITHOUT SOME LOSSES.
THE DECISION TO ATTACK THE EARTH WAS MADE IN HASTE AND ANGER!
YOU'RE NOT A PLUS CHECKER, BUT YOU'RE A FAIR PERSON

WE HAVE TO STOP IT!
THIS WAR IS A MEANING-LESS INVASION!
SHUT UP
I WON'T STAY QUIET!
THIS IS SOME-THING NO ANGEL WITH ANY PRIDE WOULD DO!
SHUT UP!
SAY ONE MORE THING, AND I'LL HAVE YOU THROWN IN JAIL!
WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?
WHY...?
SO WHY ARE YOU...?
YOU WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE BECAUSE YOU LOVED CHIHAYA, RIGHT?

I'LL CREATE A PETITION AGAINST THIS WAR!
FINE! THEN I WON'T SAY ANY-THING MORE! DO WHAT YOU LIKE!
THAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO!
. I'M GOING, AND THAT'S FINAL
I'M SORRY, BUT ..
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE PATH YOU'VE CHOSEN.
THIS IS THE PATH I BELIEVE IN.

THANKS FOR CALLING SO YOU WERE IN JAPAN? ON VACATION?
MM-HMM
I HAD SOME TIME OFF
I'M GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO MEET

HELLO THERE, MIYUKI-CHAN!
H-HELLO!
. HOW ARE YOU?
.....
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DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO EACH OTHER?
YOU TWO HAVEN'T STOPPED SMILING LIKE THAT SINCE HE GOT HERE!
FINE!
OH, RIGHT! HOW ARE YOU?
You two are hopeless!
HA HA!
A BIRD.

A GIANT BIRD IS APPROACHING EARTH
NUM-BER 1?
CAN YOU SEE IT?
YES, I SEE IT.
NO IT'S NOT A BIRD
BUT ITS SHAPE .
...IS LIKE A BLACK ANGEL.

YES!
CAN YOU HEAR IT?
IT'S THE SHADOW OF THE BLACK BIRD!
WHAT'S THE MATTER
M YU--
LISTEN!
MI-YUKI?
IF THE WORLD WERE GOING TO END SOON, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
HUMANITY IS JUDGED FOR HARMING THE EARTH, AND WILL BE DESTROYED

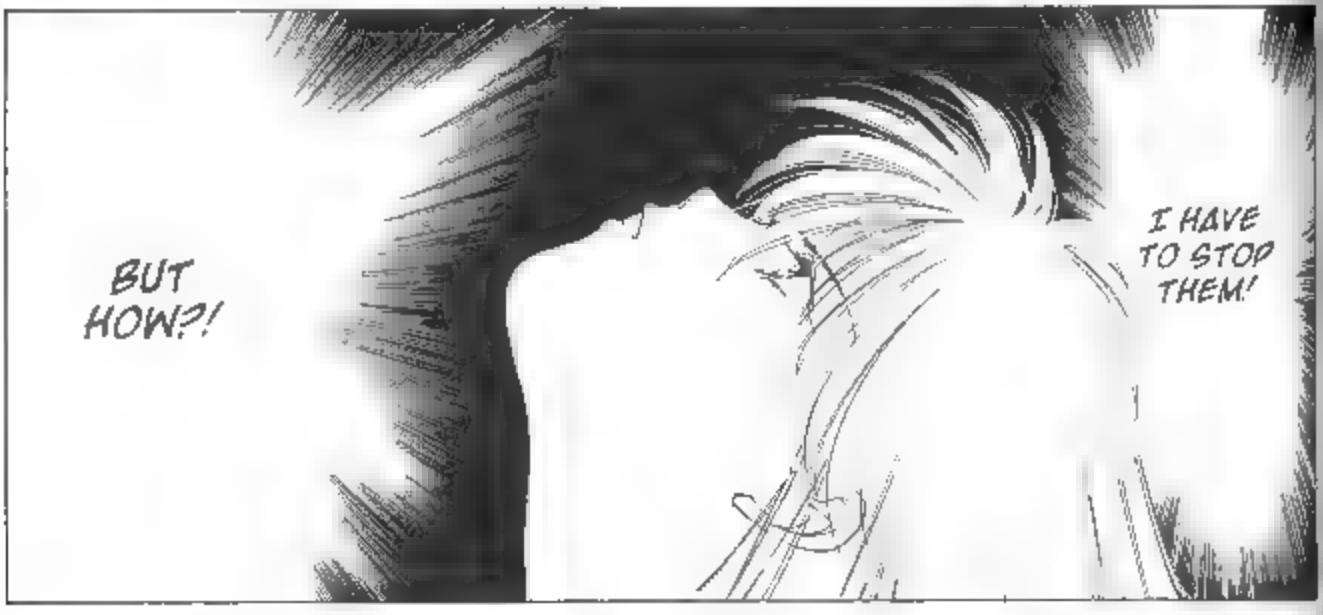
THE EARTHIAN WILL NOT LOSE TO US.
THE EARTHIAN CAN SEE THE METATRON BEFORE THEIR VERY EYES.
I THINK I'D PREFER TO DIE SOMEWHERE BEAJTIFUL...
..WITH NO ONE ELSE AROUND
CALL CHIHAYA BACK HERE!
SOME-BODY GET HIM!
THE ANGELS ARE COMING! TO THE MEDITATION ROOM!

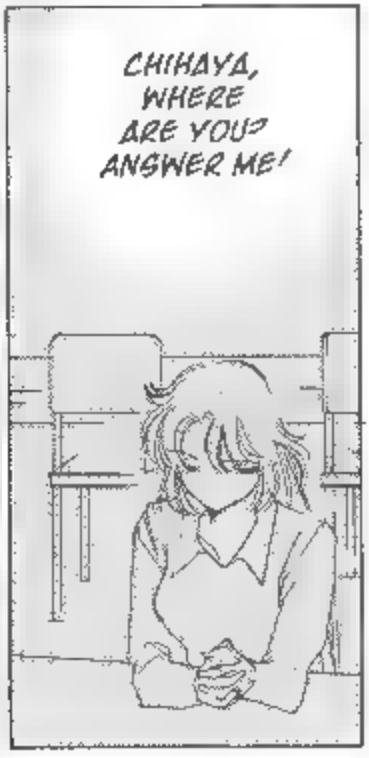
TELL US THE TRUTH!
CHIHAYA
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND KAGETSUYA?
WHO WOULD EVER WANT TO BE ALONE WHEN THE END CAME?!
THE BLACK ANGELS HAVE TAKEN CUSTODY OF CHIHAYA
IT SEEMS THEY HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO CHALLENGE US ON EARTH
WE MIGHT HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST CHIHAYA HIMSELF.
I WILL NOT FIGHT THE EARTHIAN.
NOR CHIHAYA

IT IS A CROSS OF JUSTICE.

DID LORD RAPHAEL REALLY--
WHAT DO WE DO?
AGAINST EARTH?!
THEY'RE ATTACK-ING US?!
IT WAS THE META-TRON!
IT'S EDEN'S WARSHIP AGAINST MANKIND
WHAT IS THAT?! DID YOU SEE IT? IT WAS IN THE SKY!
GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!

I'LL BE GOING NOW
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE THUS FAR


BUT HOW?!
I HAVE TO STOP THEM!


CHIHAYA, WHERE ARE YOU? ANSWER ME!

CALL FOR ME!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY NOW!
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?

NO MATTER HOW FAR WE ARE, IF YOU CALL FOR ME...

...I WILL COME TO YOU.

IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL COME.

AND IF CHIHAYA SO WISHES IT

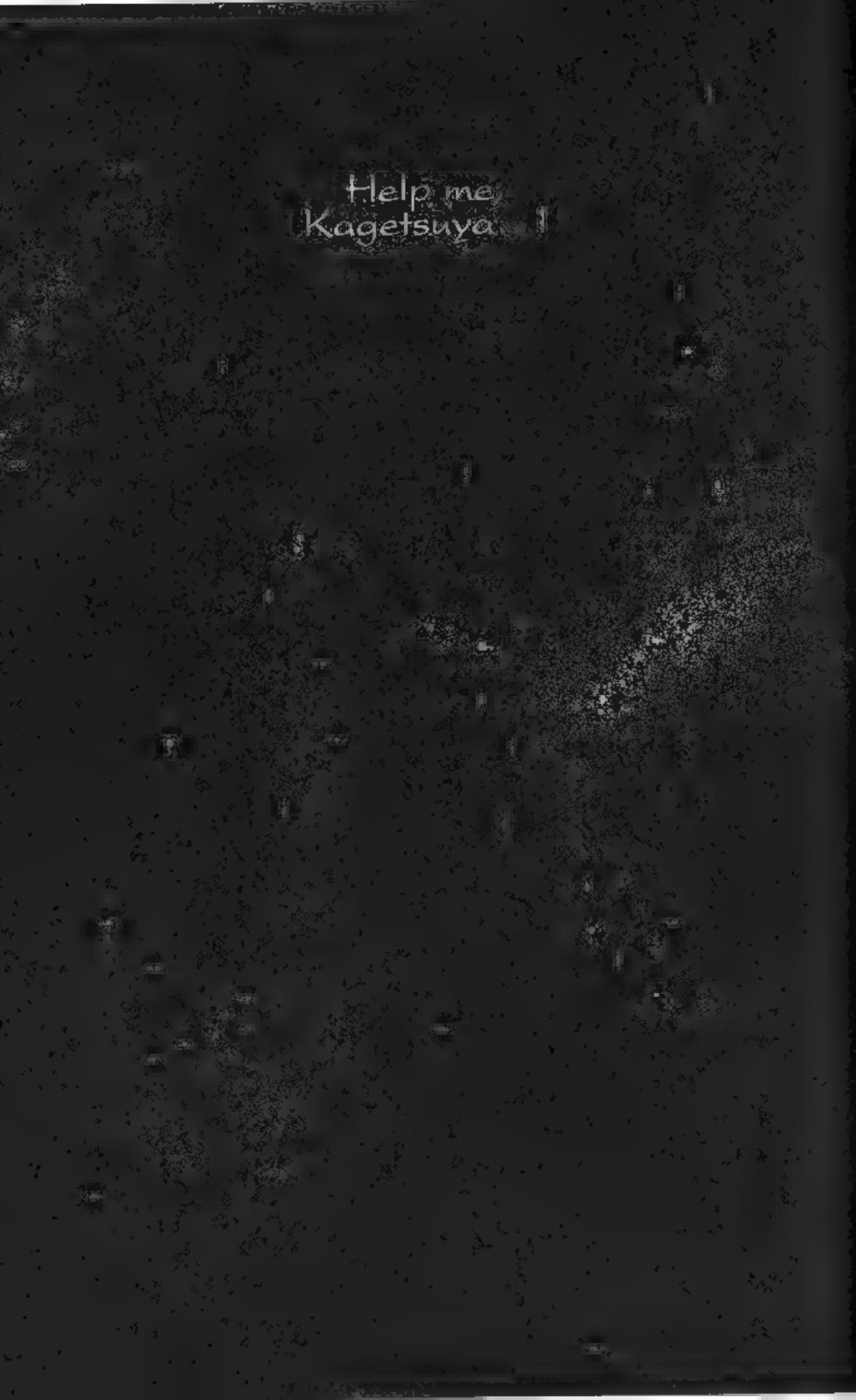
THEN I'LL PROTECT THIS PLANET AS WELL

CHIHAYA.

THAT IS WHAT THEY CALL LOVE.

CHIHAYA.

HE'S COME!


Help me
Kagetsuya

SHOW ME A SMILE
I ALWAYS LOVED YOU BEST
WHEN YOU WERE SMILING

I don't care if I fall into hell
SORRY I'M LATE.
Dear God

I don't want to lose him
KAGE-TSUYA.
I'll follow you, to the ends of Hel
...to the ends of Earth, or to the end of Eden.
LET'S NEVER BE APART AGAIN NO MATTER WHAT
I..
LOVE YOU.

I KNOW
DON'T LEAVE ME!

I PROMISE

IF WE'RE TOGETHER

..THEN ANY-WHERE

IS PARADISE.

...and swallow everything.
This light will envelop...

ETERNAL ROMANCE

The Final Story of Garthian.

WE HAVE WAITED LONG ENOUGH.
WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THE EARTHIAN ENOUGH TIME
AND LOOK WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE EARTH!

RAPHAEL MIGHT BE RIGHT ABOUT WHAT HE SAID.
THE EARTHIAN MAY SIMPLY
BE DESTROYING THE EARTH.

BUT WE MAY DESTROY THE EARTH AS WELL

LORD MICHAEL

WE ARE TRYING..
..TO DESTROY THE EARTH

IS LORD RAPHAEL PLANNING ON SWEEPING OUT THE EARTHIAN..
..TO MAKE ROOM FOR US TO MIGRATE THERE?
THAT WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME.
WHAT WOJLD WIPING OUT ALL THE EARTHIAN ACCOM-PLISH?
IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF OUR KIND, IMMIGRATION ISN'T WHAT'S NECESSARY. IT'S MIXED BLOOD
I THOUGHT HE'D ALWAYS HATED THEM.
THIS IS STRANGE
LORD MICHAEL.
DO YOU CARE FOR THE EARTHIAN?

I'M SORRY I JUST THOUGHT . THAT YOU NEVER LIKED THEM
I CAN'T SAY I FEEL EITHER WAY ABOUT THE SUBJECT BIRTH TO ME IS SCIENCE
AFTER ALL, I'M NOT MARRIED
I WAS JUST AFRAID -
.BECAUSE CHIHAYA
. LOVED THAT PLANET SO MUCH
BUT THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO TO STOP IT
I EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

AND I WAS NEVER ABLE TO PROTECT HIM..
..AS A FATHER SHOULD
HE AND KAGETSUYA WERE TORN APART IF THEY STAYED ON EDEN, THEY'D BE SENTENCED TO DEATH
IF THEY JOIN THE BLACK ANGELS, THEY WILL BE FIGHTING AGAINST THEIR MOTHER PLANET
WHY MUST THAT CHILD ALWAYS CHOOSE THE HARDEST PATH?
I WONDER IF YOU UNDER-STAND, BEING ALSO ON THE PLUS SIDE
AND NOW THAT BOY IS WILLING TO THROW AWAY HIS LIFE..
..FOR THE SAKE OF EARTH

I REALIZE I LOVE THE EARTH, TOO.
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN COMPARE US LIKE THAT
HUH?
BUT I..
I ONLY CHOSE TO BE A PLUS CHECKER
..BECAUSE I WANTED TO BECOME KAGETSUYA'S PARTNER
IT'S PRETTY EMBAR-RASSING TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW, THOUGH.
I'M GLAD I WAS A PLUS CHECKER.
BUT I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO MEET CHIHAYA
RIGHT NOW..

OR MAYBE IT'S JUST CHIHAYA'S INFLUENCE ON ME
OH!
OH!
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU GOT TO SEE HIM FOR THIS LONG
ONLY RELATIVES ARE ALLOWED.
AL-READY?
TIME'S UP
BUT IT'S STILL TOO EARLY!
I'LL COME BY AGAIN, LORD MICHAEL!

THIS POLICY IS UNFAIR!
I'LL BE BACK! YOU'LL SEE!
QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD.
LISTEN.
LORD MICHAEL WILL BE IMPRISONED FOR LIFE FOR AIDING A FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL
BUT STILL..
..I'M GLAD I LET HIM ESCAPE.
I LOVE YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE, CHIHAYA.
AND I NEVER BLAMED KAGETSUYA FOR WHAT HAPPENED.
BECAUSE..

WHAT ?!
...IT IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING IN THE WORLD TO LOVE SOMEONE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? I JUST PROPOSED TO YOU
I'M ASKING YOU TO MARRY ME, AYA
WHAT DID YOJ JUST SAY?
KAGE-TSUYA'S NOT COMING BACK
ヒロ
YOU'RE JOKING! I'M GOING TO MARRY KAGETSUYA, OBVIOUSLY!
GIVE ME A BREAK! AYA? MARRY MIYAGI?
STUPID MIYAGI!
OF COURSE HE'LL COME BACK!
DON'T YOU DARE SAY THAT!

NO!
YOU COWARD! YOU'RE DOING THIS NOW BECAUSE KAGETSUYA'S GONE!
WILL YOU MARRY ME, AYA?
YOU KNOW THE TRUTH, AYA.
YES, I AM.
I'M RUNNER-UP AFTER KAGETSUYA, RIGHT?
THOSE TWO WON'T BE COMING BACK
WHY?!
WHY AREN'T I GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM?!
I I'M A GIRL!
AND I'M PRETTY AND CUTE, AND I JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND HIM!

THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT YOU, AYA
KAGE-TSUYA IS MY FIRST CHOICE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'LL KEEP LOVING HIM
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T GET A PERSON TO LOVE YOU BACK.
IT MUST BE HARD
D-DON'T THINK YOU CAN WIN AYA OVER WITH F-FLATTERY
IT'S YOUR STRENGTH THAT I LOVE, AYA
TO KEEP LOVING THAT PERSON, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS

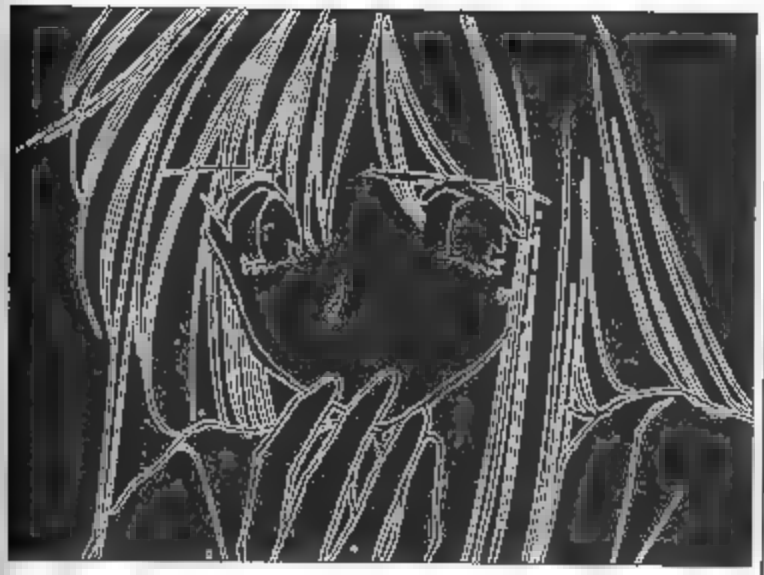
I KNOW HOW STUBBORN YOU CAN BE
PLEASE MARRY ME
I PROMISE... . I SWEAR... I'LL MAKE YOJ HAPPY
YOU'LL KEEP PRESSING, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I SAY NO.
YOU'LL NEVER GIVE IN
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO GO ALL THE WAY
YOU'RE TIMID AND HESITANT, BUT STILL HARD TO FIGURE OUT
AYA...
BUT YOU HAVE TO SWEAR YOU'LL MAKE ME HAPPY.

ON ONE CONDITION!
WE HOLD THE WEDDING ONLY AFTER KAGETSUYA AND THE OTHERS HAVE COME BACK
AYA?! YOU MEAN--
Before you change your mind!
HUH?!
..THAT I'LL SEE THEM AGAIN!
I KNOW.
AND I'M NOT JUST MARRYING YOU BECAUSE KAGETSUYA'S NOT AROUND
AYA!
YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD MAKE ME HAPPY
I LOVE KAGETSUYA, BUT

THE MOTHER SHIP HAS BEEN SURROUNDED BY THE ENEMY'S BARRIER

A PSYCHO-JAMMER?
DO THEY INTEND TO STOP US FROM ATTACKING?
WE ARE STILL UNSURE OF THE BLACK ANGELS' POSITION
SO WE ARE UNABLE TO PUT UP A JAMMER AGAINST THE SENDER.
WE'LL HAVE TO BREAK OUT OF THE BARRIER OURSELVES
IF WE PRESSURE THEM, FORCE THEM TO USE UP THE REMAINDER OF THEIR POWERS.
BUT THEY'LL BE EASY, ONCE WE'VE ELIMINATED ALL THE BLACK ANGELS
THERE ARE STILL A FEW EARTHIAN WHO POSSES SUPER POWERS
THEY WILL BURN BRIGHTLY, AND THEN BURN OUT

IF WE CAN RID OURSELVES OF THE BLACK ANGELS..
RUNNING AN ANALYSIS NOW, SIR!
YOU CAN'T GET A READING ON THEIR WHERE-ABOUTS?!
FIND THEM!
CHIHAYA
..WILL YOU BE OUR FINAL ENEMY?



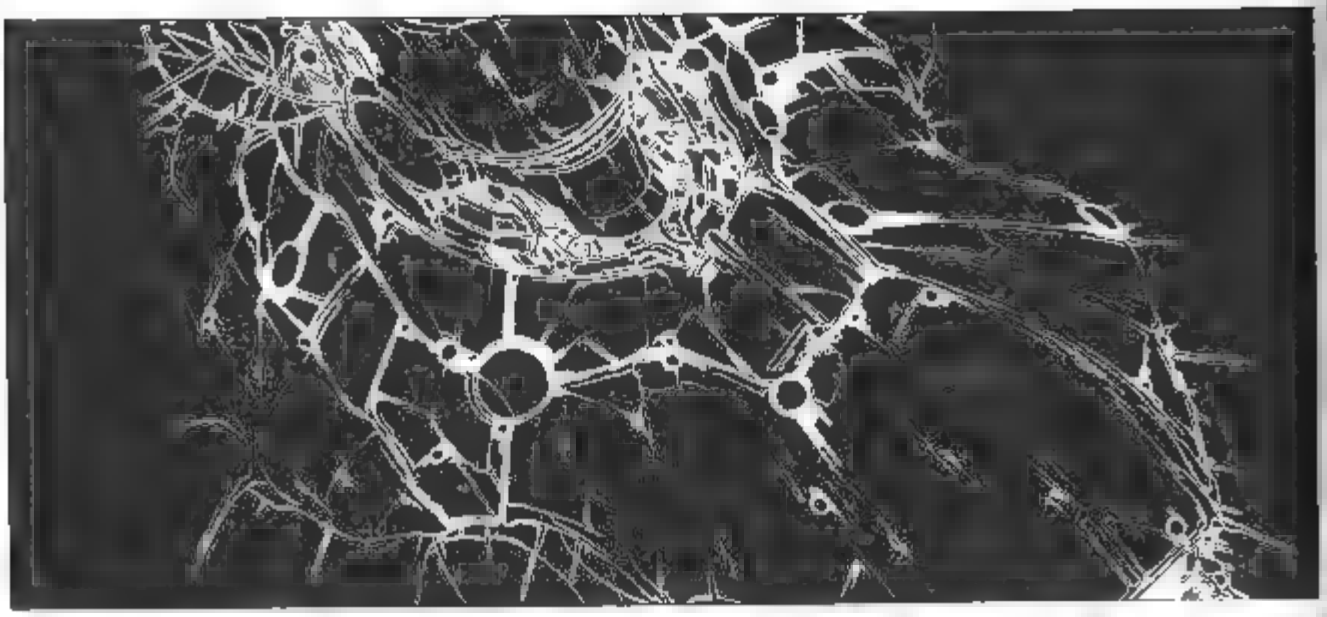
THE METATRON WILL BE HERE ANY MOMENT NOW

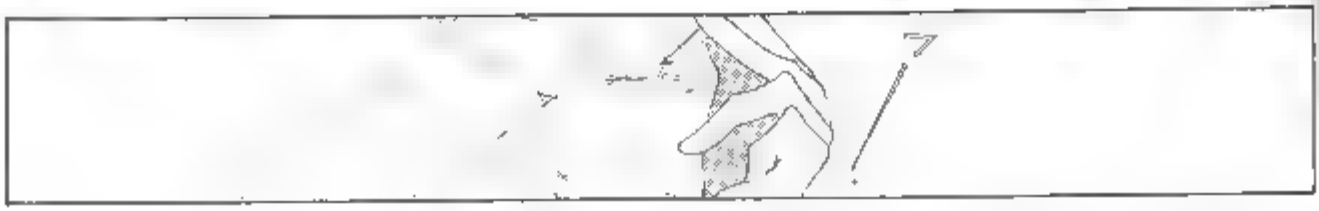
SOME SORT OF GIANT, HORRIBLE BIRD

I'M SURE I FELT IT.

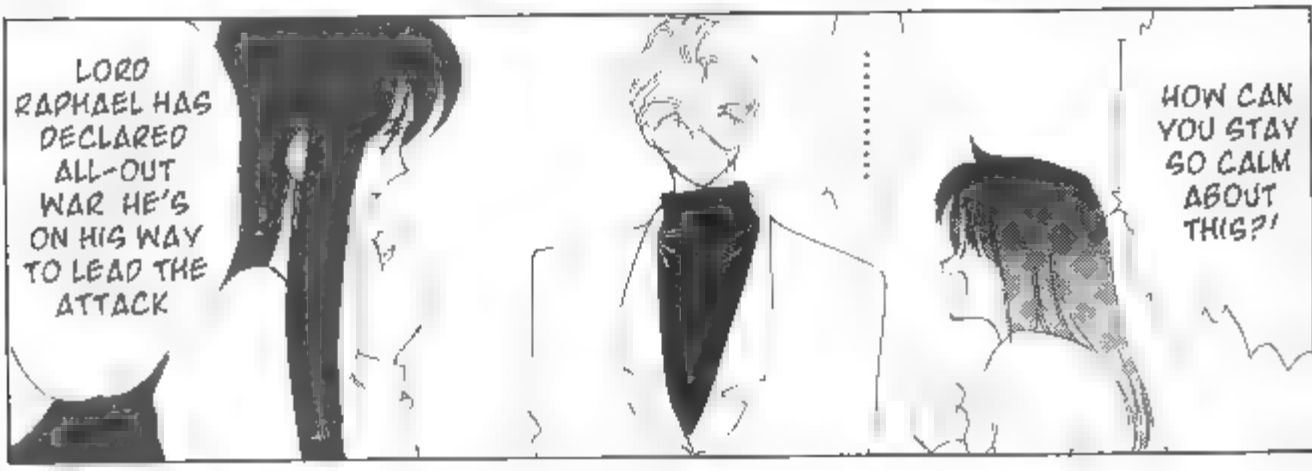
DOCTOR

IS THERE ANY-THING WE CAN DO?





THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO, TAK!
AND JUST WHAT CAN A GYNECOLOGIST DO AGAINST AN ALIEN ENEMY?


LORD RAPHAEL HAS DECLARED ALL-OUT WAR HE'S ON HIS WAY TO LEAD THE ATTACK
HOW CAN YOU STAY SO CALM ABOUT THIS?!

MAYBE THIS IS ALL JUST FATE
DON'T TOSS THAT WORD AROUND SO CASUALLY
NO, IT'S NOT FATE
IF ONLY THERE WERE SOMETHING I COULD DO.
I'M GOING TO GO CALM DOWN
WHY YOU CHEEKY LITTLE --

I WANT TO SAVE THIS PLANET
SOME-THING.
...THIS PLANET
.....
I WANT TO SAVE
...IS CRUSHING ME
JUST THE WEIGHT OF THOSE WORDS...

AND HERE I SAID THAT I WOULD PROTECT HIM

I'VE GOT TO CLEAR MY HEAD

IT'S SUCH AN EASY THING TO SAY

HOW CAN WE SAVE AN ENTIRE PLANET?

I FEEL SO HELP-LESS.

..THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!
DAMMIT!!
EVEN THOUGH CHIHAYA'S SUFFERING RIGHT NOW..
BUT WHAT CAN A SIMPLE CREATURE LIKE ME DO?
METATRON HAS TO BE DESTROYED
..POWER-LESS!
I FEEL SO..

THE SKY IS SO BEAJ-TIFUL
AND SOMEWHERE IN THAT BEAUTIFUL SKY IS A SHIP SHAPED LIKE A CROSS.
YOU'RE AN ALIEN TOO, RIGHT CHI-HAYA?
SO WHY ARE YOJ ON OUR SIDE?
BE-CAJSE I LOVE THE EARTH.
BJT AREN'T THE ANGELS TRYING TO KILL US, BECAJSE.
HJMANS DON'T TAKE CARE OF THE EARTH?

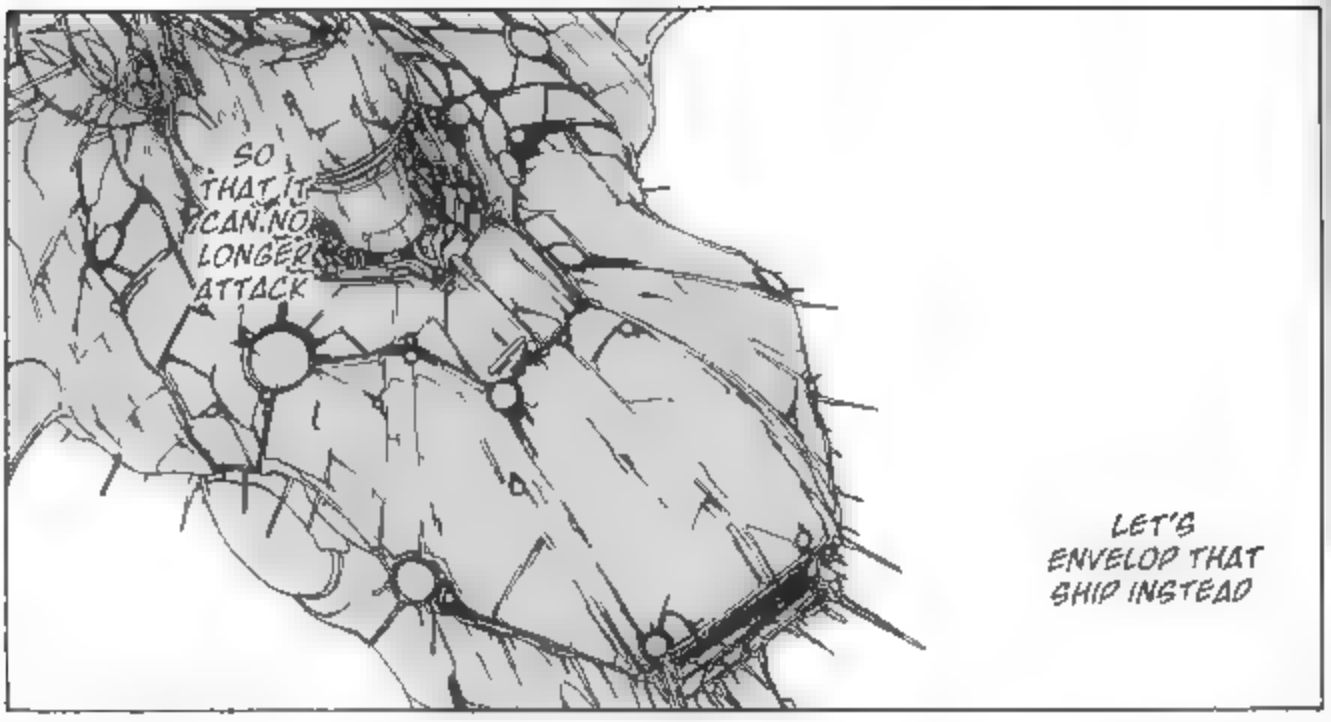
THAT THIS ISN'T OUR PLACE.
I WANT LORD RAPHAEL TO REALIZE...
EARTH... THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE PLANET OF MIRACLES.
THIS PLANET BELONGS TO THE EARTHIAN THEY WERE THE FIRST TO EXIST HERE
THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL OF PLANETS IN ALL OF SPACE THAT HAVE THE PROPER CONDITIONS TO HOUSE LIFE
EARTH IS REALLY A VERY PRECIOUS PLACE.

I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
THAT'S PRETTY EMBAR-RASSING
ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO DON'T GIVE A RAT'S ASS ABOJT CONSERVING IT
I WANT TO LIVE AND LIVE AND LIVE
AND BE HAPPY!
I WANT TO BE WITH HIM!
TO-GETHER WITH TAKI.
UNTIL DEATH DULLS US APART--NO, EVEN AFTER DEATH

CHI-HAYA.
YES, DOC-TOR?
I ONLY HAVE ONE THING THAT CAN BE OF SOME USE TO YOU NOW TAKE IT WITH YOU
A BOMB
.IT MUST HAVE SOME TYPE OF CONTROL ROOM THAT WE COULD BLOW UP
BUT IT CAN'T BE DONE REMOTELY
NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT EDEN'S SPACESHIP IS CAPABLE OF, BUT
BOMB?!

IF THE EARTHIAN ARE GOING TO BE DESTROYED, THEN I'LL BE DYING ALONG WITH THEM
IT'S UP TO YOU HOW YOU JSE IT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FURTHER
I I'LL DO IT.
!!
SOMEONE HAS TO GO IN THERE AND SET OFF THE BOMB HIMSELF
I HOPE YOU THINK IT'S REALLY WORTH IT
IF YOU'RE WILLING TO GO THAT FAR, THEN .
THANK YOJ, DOCTOR

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME...
SOMETHING I CAN DO
IF ONLY WE COULD GET UP A BARRIER OVER THE ENTIRE EARTH
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE

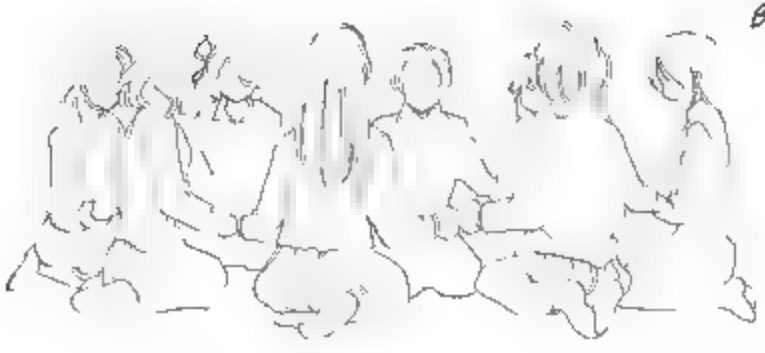


BUT WE ARE THE STRONGER ANGELS

THAT'S THE PASSIVE WAY!

HOW LONG SHALL WE KEEP THIS UP FOR?

WE CAN SUSTAIN OUR POWER IN A BARRIER



WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW?

THE ENEMY IS APPROACHING FASTER THAN WE'D ANTICIPATED.

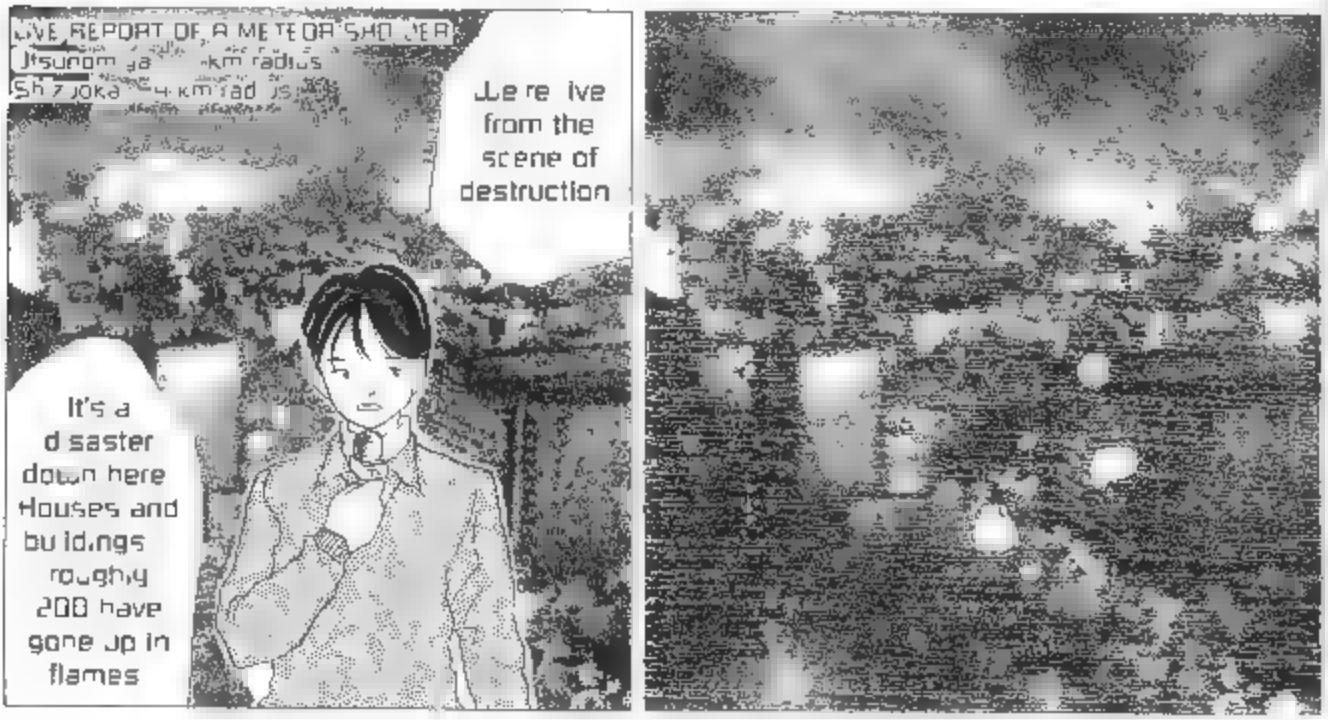
DON'T WORRY NUMBER 1 WILL THINK OF SOMETHING.

MOTHER!
ELVIRA!
NUM-
BER
2!
ARE YOJ
OKAY?
YOU'RE
NOT
TIRED?
I'M ALL
RIGHT
NUMBER 3
HAS NOW
TAKEN
OVER THE
BARRIER
WE WERE
JJST ABOUT
TO LAUNCH
ANOTHER
ATTACK.
ALL THE
CHILDREN
HAVE YET
TO FULLY
AWAKEN
THEIR
POWERS.
THERE
ARE FEW AS
STRONG AS
ANY OF US OR
YOU, ELVIRA.
WE MUST TRY
OUR BEST TO
SUSTAIN
YOU
SHOULD
REST,
ELVIRA.
NJM-
BER
1!
YOU CAN
PARTICIPATE
IN THE
ATTACK
LATER

AAAAAAAAAAAAH!!
YES, I KNOW
WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM?
IT CAME..
FROM THE MEDI-TATION ROOM!
WHAT THE ?
THE ENEMY SENT A SURGE OF PRESSURE TO THE SOURCE OF THE BARRIER
IT WAS SO FAST, SHE JJST--

DAMMIT!!
EVERYONE! FOCUS ON COMBINING YOUR POWERS!
SHE COULDN'T HANDLE THE POWER!
CAN YOU ALL FLY TO THE ENEMY SHIP?
WE HAVE TO HIT THEM WITH A FULL-BLOWN ATTACK!
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SIMPLY GUARD YOUR-SELVES
IT'LL BE TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU IF THEY INCREASE THE JAMMER'S STRENGTH.
THEN I'LL STAY BEHIND TOO!
I'LL KEEP THE BARRIER UP
HURRY!
BUT ONLY WE THREE COULD REACH OUTER SPACE
IT MIGHT BE EFFEC-TTIVE
YOU MEAN ATTACK FROM THE INSIDE?

THEY SAY THERE'S A METEOR SHOWER!
SOME-THING'S WRONG!
THERE'S A SPECIAL NEWS REPORT ABOUT JAPAN!
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOJT THE JAMMER, GO OUT THERE AND DESTROY IT!
I'LL BE FINE!
IT'S--
BUT IT'S NOT A METEOR SHOWER AT ALL!


LIVE REPORT OF A METEOR SHOWER
We're live from the scene of destruction
It's a disaster down here. Houses and buildings roughly 200 have gone up in flames

There seems to be a shortage of water and firefighters are unable to make it to the area
Experts say it was a meteor shower, but nothing is yet certain
HOW COULD THEY..?
DID THE ANGELS ATTACK IN THAT SPLIT-SECOND WHERE THE BARRIER WAS WEAKENED?
I'M SORRY I CAN'T DO ANY-THING.
IF ONLY I COULD HELP YOU, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS
BE CARE-FUL
ELVIRA
I'M GOING TO THE MEDITATION ROOM
ED!

I'M A LITTLE SCARED
HOLD MY HAND
MY LOVE
We can only magine th s s some sort of bad dream
t s hard to believe that there's space dust
fal ng from such a clear n ght sky

TAKI? DID YOU... FALL ASLEEP AGAIN?
SO THERE YOU ARE, TAKI!
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD OUT HERE!
.....
HEY.
.TAKI?
TAKI.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "IF"? EVERY-ONE DIES SOMETIME.
AND I'D WANT TO BE REBORN AGAIN AS A GIRL!
IF
WHAT IF..
..YOU DIED AND WERE REBORN..
I'D LIKE TO BE A GIRL AGAIN! ♡
I'D LIKE TO BE A HUMAN MAN
..WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO BE BORN AS?
YUP! THAT'D BE NICE
MM-HM
A HUMAN MAN

MIYUKI
CAN I KISS YOU?

YOU ALWAYS DO ANYWAY
WHY?
S-SURE

YES
YOU'RE MINE, RIGHT MIYUKI?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

OH...!
I LOVE YOU.

I'VE DECIDED TO GO WITH CHIHAYA AND THE OTHERS
I MEAN .. TO THE METATRON
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE BACK SOON
OH
I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE OF ANY HELP, BUT THREE IS BETTER THAN TWO
HE DOESN'T PLAN ON COMING BACK!!
HE DOESN'T PLAN ON COMING BACK

YOU WON'T JUST LEAVE ME BEHIND!
I'M A WEAPON! I CAN SET THE WHOLE PLACE ON FIRE!
YOU MEAN FOUR.
I'M COM-ING TOO.
I'VE BEEN TRAINING! I CAN CONTROL MY POWERS!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU'D BE HOME IN NO TIME!
NO! YOU CAN'T GO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
THEN WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL IF I GO TOO?
I WON'T GET IN THE WAY!
WE'LL GET BACK HOME FINE, RIGHT?!
IF YOU DON'T START LISTENING TO ME--

IF YOU DON'T TAKE ME WITH YOU, YOU'LL HAVE TO DRAG AROUND A DEAD BODY
I'M NOT JOKING!
I'LL BITE MY TONGUE AND CHOKE ON IT RIGHT NOW!
TAKE ME WITH YOU
ONE SINGLE WISH.
I'VE ONLY HAD..
ALL RIGHT?

TAKI! IT'S AN EMER-GENCY!
IF IT'S HELL, OR EARTH
OR AN ANGEL SPACESHIP, TAKE ME WITH YOU
THEY SAY THERE'S BEEN A METEOR SHOWER!
ON THE NEWS...

YOU STILL CAN'T GET A READING ON THE BLACK ANGELS' POSITION?

I'M SORRY, SIR
WELL, GET BACK ON IT
WE ATTACK AT THE NEXT BREAK IN THE BARRIER.
KEEP YOUR GUARD UP
THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS END IT ALL BEFORE THEY REALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING
SLEEP...
LITTLE EARTH-IAN
YOU'LL BE THE ONE WHO'S SLEEPING!

IF YOU DON'T HALT THE ATTACKS..
WE'LL DO SOMETHING QUITE UNPLEASANT TO YOUR SHIP
THE BLACK ANGELS ?!
LORD RAPHAEL! INTRUDERS!
THEY TELEPORTED DIRECTLY IN!

HOW MANY ARE THERE?
THEY'VE ONLY HAD THEIR POWERS FOR A FEW YEARS! THEY SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM!
CAPTURE THEM!
GO!
THERE SEEM TO BE SEVEN
FOUR... FIVE..
ANOTHER IS NOT HUMAN!
IT MAY BE A PSEUDO-ORGANIC ANDROID, DESIGNED FOR HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT
ONE OF THEM IS DIFFERENT FROM THE REST

AND ANOTHER TWO APPEAR TO BE CITIZENS OF EDEN!
NO DOUBT THEY'LL BE HEADED FOR EARTH AGAIN SEND OUT THE PSYCHO-JAMMER
ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS WAIT
IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO INTER-CEPT THEM MID-TELE-PORTATION.
THERE'S NO HURRY
THOSE SETTING UP THE BARRIER WILL CRUMBLE UNDER THE FORCE OF THE JAMMER
THEN WE ATTACK THE EARTH'S SURFACE
DIS-PATCHING THE JAMMER NOW AT 1208

WE STILL HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY REMAINING TO CRUSH THEIR FRAIL BODIES
BLOW UP THE CONTROL ROOM, HUH?
THIS IS THE BOMB THE DOCTOR GAVE ME
ALL RIGHT I'LL TAKE IT
JUST 15 SECONDS
AND YOU HAVE 15 SECONDS TO ESCAPE
PRESS THE SWITCH

I TRUST YOJ, KAGE-TSUYA!
IF I MESS JP THE TELEPOR-TATION

YOU SJRE THAT THING'S NOT DEFEC-TIVE?
15 SEC-ONDS?!
DAMN, THAT DOCTOR IS CHEAP!

DON'T FORGET WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH
WHY WOULDN'T YOU?

YOU DUMMY!
KAGETSUYA DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING

.YES, LORD KAGE-TSJYA.

YOU'RE JUST A FRIEND!
I DON'T LOVE YOU, KAGETSUYA!
JUST TELL THEM THE TRUTH!
IT'S TRUE
LIAR!
JUST SAY THE TRUTH, CHIHAYA!
I WON'T ASK YOU AGAIN

...I WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO TOUCH HIS HAND AGAIN.
I NEVER THOUGHT
I DIDN'T THINK I HAD THE RIGHT TO
NO
THERE WAS A PART OF ME THAT ALWAYS KNEW
THANK YOU, KAGE-TSUYA
NO MATTER WHEN.
"NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED
I KNEW THAT KAGETSUYA WOULDN'T ABANDON ME

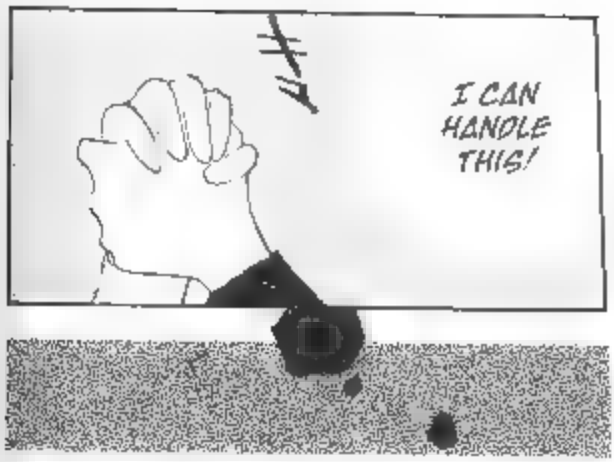
THANKS FOR WHAT?
BECAUSE I KNOW
..THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE SOMEONE
THANK YOU FOR
THE ONE THAT I LOVE..
THE ONE THAT I TRUST, AND APPRECIATE, AND AM PROUD OF.
MY PRECIOUS, PRECIOUS KAGETSUYA.
THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME.
YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE

YOU--!
D-DON'T GO GETTING ALL FULL OF YOUR-SELF NOW!
H-HEY! KNOCK IT OFF!
STOP COPYING HIM!
HEH
WH-WHAT?
I WANT A HUG, TOO!
AAWW. ISN'T THAT SWEET?
BUT NOW I TRUST TAKI
AND I KNOW THAT I'LL ALWAYS BE WITH HIM!
YUP
HEE HEE I'M GLAD.
YOU'RE SO CLOSE TO KAGE-TSUYA
I USED TO BE SO JEALOUS OF YOU AND TAKI BEFORE

O-OH, YOU!
OF COURSE I'LL INVITE YOU!
YUO!
INVITE ME TO THE WEDDING!
HER NOSE WON'T STOP BLEEDING! SHE CAN'T KEEP IT UP ANY-MORE!
LEAVE HER!
SOME-ONE WILL FILL HER PLACE!

THE ONES WHO ARE IN DANGER ARE THE ONES INSIDE THAT SPACESHIP RIGHT NOW!
WE HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING UNTIL THEY BREAK THE JAMMER
QUIT YOUR BLUB-BERING!
BUT EVERY-ONE HAS TERRIBLE HEAD-ACHES!
I'LL DO IT ALL MYSELF THE REST OF YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK
IF THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE
FINE, THEN
ELVIRA
BUT..

MY HEAD'S KILLING ME.
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S GOING TO SPLIT IN TWO!



I'M NOT ABOUT TO LOSE

TAKE MY HAND

I'M ALL RIGHT

IT'S NOTHING! I CAN HANDLE THIS!
DON'T PANIC!
ELVIRA!
I WON'T HAND OVER
I'M NOT ABOUT TO LOSE TO THOSE DAMN ANGELS!
THIS PLANET TO THEM!
IT BELONGS TO US!

WE MUST TAKE PRECAU-TION
IT'S LOCKED
I KNOW.
BUT WE MUST DESTROY THE JAMMER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
DON'T BE OMINOUS
I BELIEVE THE JAMMER LIES RIGHT BEYOND THIS DOOR
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
IT WOULD BE FASTER TO TELEPORT INSIDE
YES
DON'T YOU FEEL SOME-THING IS WRONG?
I KNOW
BE CAREFUL
YOU HAVE TO LAND IN AN EMPTY SPACE

HM?
WE WILL TELE-PORT THERE
WE CAN SEE THE EMPTY SPACE AHEAD OF US
IS THIS REALLY RIGHT ..?
THERE THEY ARE!
BLOWING IT UP IT FEELS WRONG
WHAT'S OKAY?
WHAT?
I SAID IS IT REALLY OKAY TO DO IT IN THE CONTROL ROOM?
WHAT?

BUT WHY?
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS. WE'LL HAVE TO GET AS FAR AS WE CAN ON FOOT
THAT'S NOT VERY HELP-FUL!
RUN!
HOW ABOJT WE TELE-PORT?
NO!
YOU CAN'T TELEPORT JNLESS YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY CERTAIN OF YOUR LANDING POINT.
MOLECULES WILL BE DISRUPTED AND ATOMIC ENERGY WILL BE CREATED
?
YOU MEAN IT'LL CAUSE AN EXPLOSION
YUP, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A BAD IDEA
WE HAVE TO GET IT BACK TO EDEN
EVEN IF WE TARGET THE CONTROL AND POWER ROOMS, WE WON'T DESTROY THE METATRON

THEY'RE ATTACKING US?!
IF THIS SHIP BREAKS DOWN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO EVERY-ONE INSIDE?
HOW DO WE DO THAT?
IT'S JUST A PARA-LYZER! RUN FOR IT!
LET'S GO!
THAT WON'T WORK ON ME
AAH!

THIS ISN'T JUST A LITTLE VIB-RATION!
WHAT THE --?!
GOOD!
CUT OFF BLOCK E AND BLOW IT UP!
NUCLEAR ENERGY HAS BEEN DETECTED IN BLOCK E
THE TRAP WAS SUCCESS-FUL
NUMBER THREE!

WHAT HAPPENED?
THE MOLECULAR MOVEMENT IN THE ROOM MUST HAVE ALTERED IT'S FILLING WITH GAS
DAMMIT!! THEY GOT US!
THE TELE-PORTATION FAILED!
NUMBER 3?!
I CAN'T TELE-PORT
?!
LET'S REGROUP ON EARTH--
NUMBER 1, YOU GO ON ALONE
I PUT UP A BARRIER, BUT IT WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH
:
!!

IT'S FALLING!
I KNOW! THE HFS!
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO START NEGO-TIATING NOW
WHAT HAPPENS THEN?
THEY'LL TRY TO TURN IT AROUND AND GET IT HOME.
WE'LL BLOW UP THEIR INSTAN-TANEOUS TELEPOR-TATION SYSTEM
THAT WAY, THE META-TRON WON'T BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO EDEN

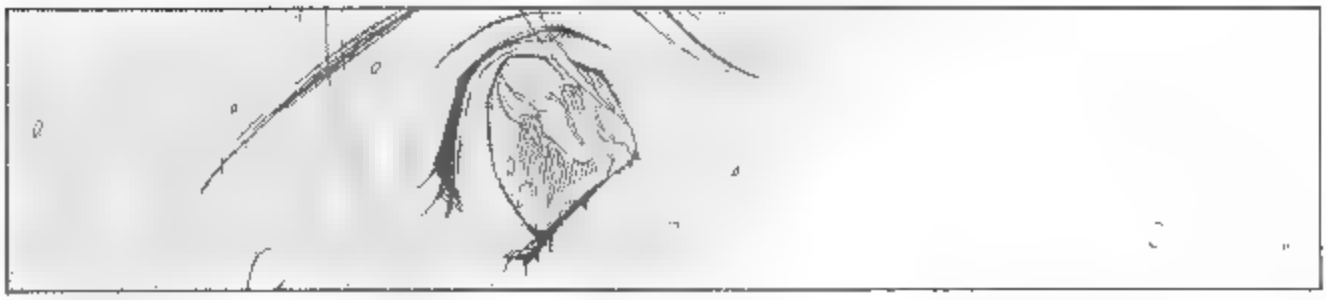
LET'S SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS I'LL GO
THERE'S AN HFS IN ISANA TOO
AND NO WAY LORD RAPHAEL WOULD LET THAT HAPPEN
THEY MUST BE DOWN TO THE LAST OF THEIR FUEL AND FOOD!
HOW MANY THOUS-ANDS OF YEARS WILL THAT TAKE?
IF IT CAN'T TELEPORT INSTAN-TANEOUSLY, IT'LL TRY TO RETURN VIA A SMALL WARP
DO YOU THINK IT'LL WORK?
KAGE-TSUYA!
ONCE THE SWITCH IS PRESSED, THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN ESCAPE IN TIME ARE YOU AND ME
BUT ONCE THE HFS IS DESTROYED, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO EDEN
I KNOW
I KNOW
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN, EVEN AFTER I'VE DIED

SOME-
BODY,
HELP
ME!
HELP ME!
DON'T TRY
TO BLAME
ME FOR
THIS ONE!
OH!
HELP
ME.
HELP
SHE'S
HURT!
NUM-
BER 1,
YOU
HAVE
TO
CALM
DOWN
HELP ME
HELP ME!
THAT.
THAT
VOICE!
NUM-
BER 1,
IS THAT
YOU?
BUT
WHAT'S
SHE
DOING
HERE?
THE BLOCK
IS KEEPING
US APART!
I
CAN'T SAVE
NUMBER 2
ON MY OWN!

EEK!
DID SOME-ONE JUST DIE?
WHO IS NUMBER 3?
THEY'RE THE BLACK ANGELS WE HAVE TO SAVE THEM!
HURRY!
LORD RAPHAEL...
NUMBER 3 IS DEAD
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!

LET'S HURRY!
DAMMIT!! WHY DOES IT HAVE TO ACT UP NOW?!
I'M SORRY
FOR BEING A BURDEN
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
TAK!!

IT'S CHI-HAYA! WE'VE CAUGHT UP TO THEM!
I'LL CARRY YOJ ON MY SHOULDERS!
JUST FIRE!
SQJAO LEA-DER?
HE'S THE ANDROID!



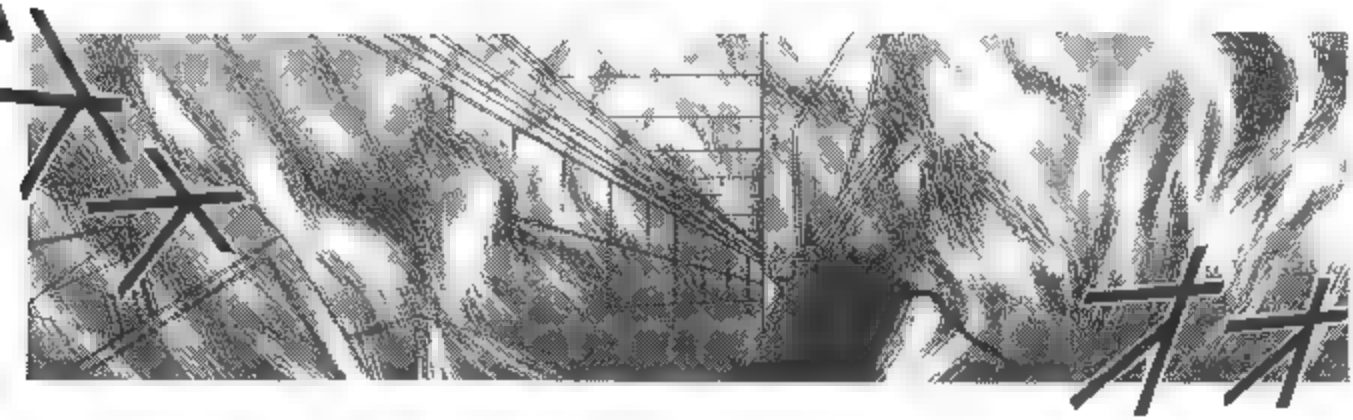
BANG

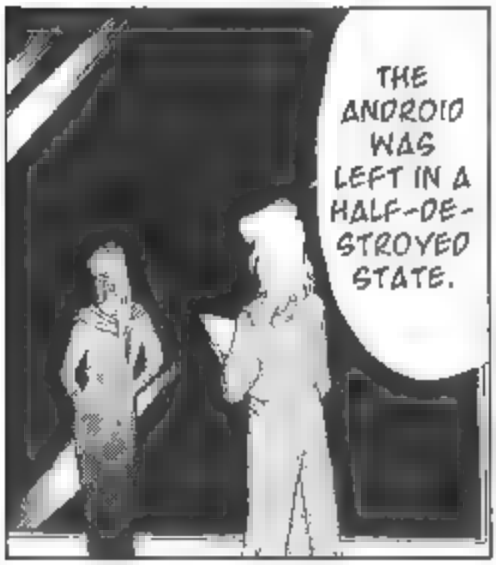
WHY DO I HAVE THE FEELING...

BANG

...I'VE SEEN THIS IN A NIGHTMARE BEFORE?

BANG





WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

WELL THEN, CHIHAYA?

HEY! ARE YOU TWO OKAY IN THERE?!
TAKI . OH, TAKI..
HANG IN THERE.
IT'S PITCH BLACK IN HERE! I'M SCARED!
WE CAN'T OPEN THE DOOR. THEY'RE GOING TO DROP THIS PLACE ANY MINUTE NOW!
HELP US, CHIHAYA!

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, CHIHAYA!
THEY'LL DIE IF YOU JUST STAND THERE LIKE AN IDIOT!
I CAN SMELL DEATH HERE
YOU ALL HAVE TO CALM DOWN.
HELP US, CHIHAYA!
NUMBER 2 IS GOING TO DIE!
YOU SAID YOU CAN'T GET THE DOOR OPEN
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ううう
I'M ALL RIGHT
THIS IS NOTHING
THE DOCTOR WILL FIX ME UP IN NO TIME
IT'S TOO UNSTABLE TO TELEPORT OURSELVES IN THERE
THE GENERATOR CABLES WERE ALSO DESTROYED IN THE LAST EXPLOSION
THE ROOM'S COMPLETELY SEALED OFF, AND THE ELECTRICITY'S CUT

OH, TAKI
I CAN SEND TWO CHILDREN TO EARTH, BUT
CAN YOU DO IT SOMEWHERE ELSE?
DON'T CRY, CHIHAYA.
LET'S JUST DO WHAT WE CAN!
I SWEAR I'LL PROTECT EARTH
TAKI..?
WE NEED TO OPEN THAT DOOR, RIGHT?
BECAUSE I LOVE THE EARTHIAN

...!
TAKI!!
STOP IT!
THE LIGHT! IT'S ON!

HOW CAN HE DO THIS?
TAKI! TAKI!!
JUST... GO!
DON'T... TOUCH... ME.
THE CURRENT WON'T LET HIM LET GO
IT'S TOO LATE, CHIHAYA.
NO! WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM!
TAKI!
HURRY... GO...
DON'T LOOK AT ME
THE DOOR'S OPEN! JUST LET GO OF THE CABLES!
TAKI, THAT'S ENOUGH!
THEY'RE ALREADY SAFE!

GO, CHIKAYA.
YOU KNOW WHAT TAKI MEANS TO DO
DON'T BE A DUM-MY.
IT'S NOTHING TO CRY OVER.
.....
WE'LL ALL MEET AGAIN SOME-DAY

YOU GO TOO, KAGE-TSUYA
NO
I'M TAKING YOU WITH US.
I KNOW!
YOU GO ON AHEAD
GO WITH YOUR LOVER!
I'M NOT GOING WITHOUT TAKI!
MIYUKI
PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT ME
AND I'LL GO WITH TAKI.

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN SOMEONE AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU.

DON'T LET UP ON THE ATTACKS
GOOD
THE ENEMY BARRIER WAS ALSO DESTROYED
THE JAMMER WAS OBLITERATED IN THE EXPLOSION
ROGER
CHECK ON IT
WHAT WAS THAT STRANGE VIBRA-TION?
.....

WE'VE DESTROYED THE METATRON'S HFS
CAN YOU HEAR ME, LORD RAPHAEL?
IS THAT YOU, CHIHAYA?
LORD RAPHAEL..
RUN A SCAN ON THE HFS
QUICKLY
SIR?
THE HFS?
OH MY!
WHERE ARE YOU?
YOU'VE REALLY OUTDONE YOURSELF, CHIHAYA
HE COULDN'T HAVE
PERHAPS THAT LAST VIBRATION WAS THE HFS
THE MONITORS ARE OFFLINE.

IN IGANA'S HFS
IF WE DESTROY THIS HFS AS WELL, THE METATRON WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN TO EDEN.
WHY ARE YOU SO ATTACHED TO THE EARTH?
YOU'RE NOT EVEN AN EARTHIAN.

WE'RE GOING TO DESTROY THIS PLACE
WILL YOU SURRENDER BEFORE WE BLOW IT UP?
OR WILL YOU REMAIN HERE WITH JUST THE METATRON ON EARTH?
IF I DO REMAIN BEHIND, I COULD DESCEND DOWN TO EARTH
THE BLACK CANCER WILL KILL YOU.
YOU DON'T HAVE AN IMMU-NITY TO IT

YOU'VE BE-TRAYED YOUR MOTHER PLANET
..YOUR BRETHREN..
AND YOUR FA-THER
ARE YOU REALLY SATIS-FIED WITH THAT?
YOU'VE RUN OUT OF OPTIONS.
TELL ME!
WHAT HAVE YOU COME THIS FAR FOR?
THIS PLANET IS ALREADY BOUND FOR DESTRUC-TION, THANKS TO THE EARTHIAN
NO
EARTH IS NOT GOING TO DIE
AND NEITHER WILL THE EARTHIAN

WHY WERE THEY BORN?
TO BRING DESTRUC-TION TO THE EARTH.
THE EARTHIAN ARE THE SAME AS ANY SPECIES
THEY WERE BORN ON THIS PLANET TO LOVE.
AND THE EARTH WON'T TURN ITS BACK ON THE EARTHIAN
THAT IS THE MEANING OF LOVE
NOW, LORD RAPH-AEL.
CALL FOR A RETREAT
OR CHIKAYA WILL DETONATE THE BOMB

IF YOU SET OFF AN EXPLO-SION IN HERE, YOU'LL DIE TOO
IT MAKES NO DIF-FERENCE
..WHETHER TWO OR THREE OF US DIE HERE
EVEN IF WE LEAVE...
..EARTH WILL STILL BE EXPOSED TO ALL SORTS OF DANGERS
NO
BY THE EARTHIANS' OWN HANDS

SOMEDAY, EVERYONE WILL KNOW.
OH! IT'S SHIN-ING!
THE EARTH WILL NOT BE DESTROYED
NO
AND NEITHER WILL THE EARTHIAN.

..THIS PLANET LOVES THEM
YES NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
REALLY?
..JUST HOW MUCH..
I'M SURE THEY DID.
THEY'LL UNDER-STAND..
I WONDER IF CHIHAYA AND THE OTHERS MADE IT OUT ALL RIGHT
IT'S SUNSET ON THE EARTH

THE THIRD PLANET FROM THE SUN

HOME TO MILLIONS OF LIVES

IT'S SO BRIGHT, I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING

YES

A PLANET OF MIRACLES

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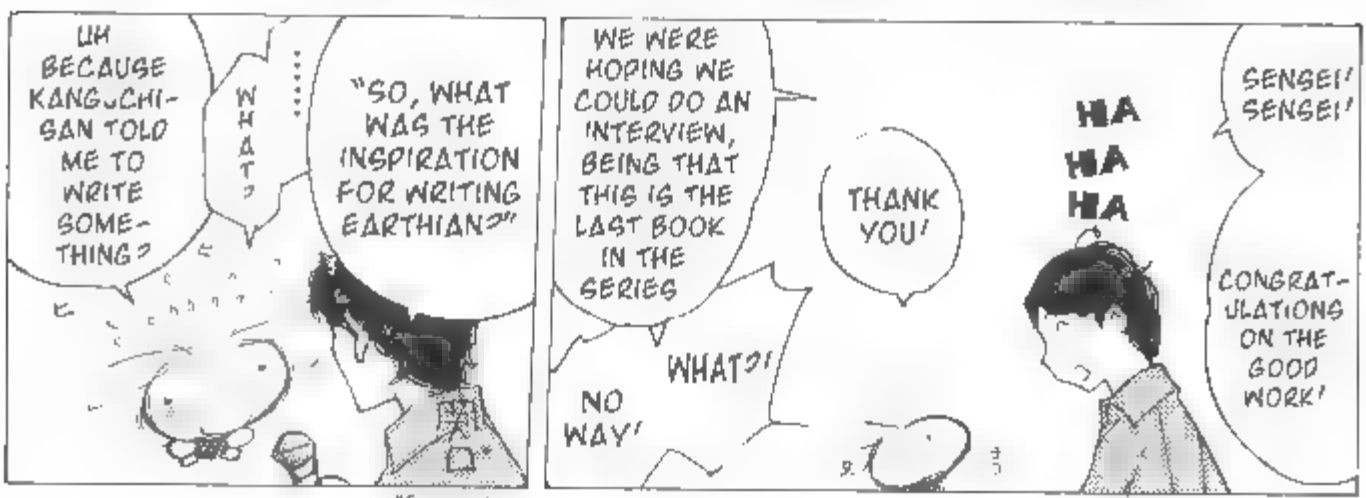
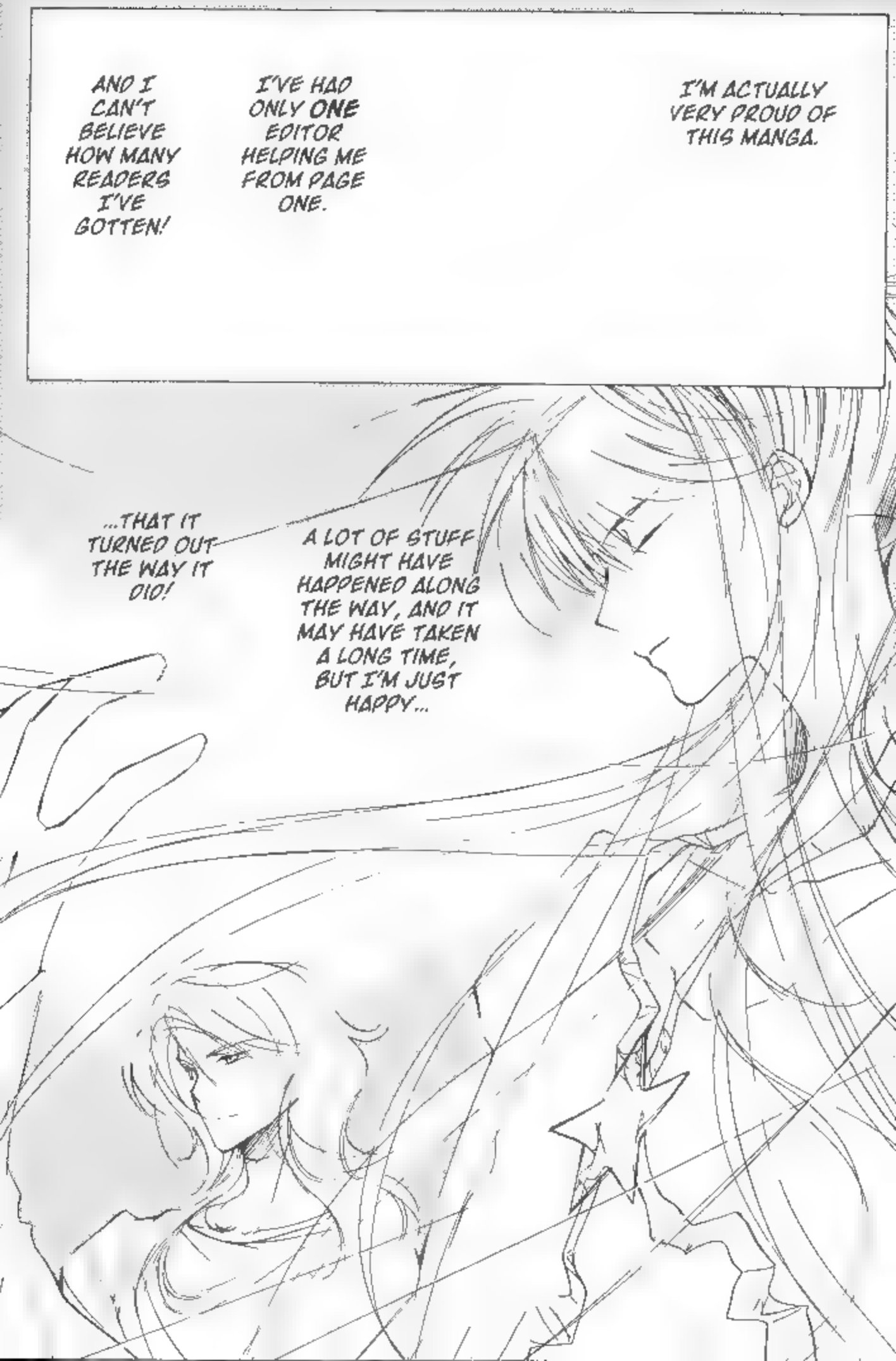

UH BECAUSE KANGUCHI-SAN TOLD ME TO WRITE SOME-THING?
WHAT?
"SO, WHAT WAS THE INSPIRATION FOR WRITING EARTHIAN?"
WE WERE HOPING WE COULD DO AN INTERVIEW, BEING THAT THIS IS THE LAST BOOK IN THE SERIES
WHAT?!
NO WAY!
THANK YOU!
HA HA HA
SENSEI! SENSEI!
CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON THE GOOD WORK!

*Sekiguchi


I'M ACTUALLY VERY PROUD OF THIS MANGA.
I'VE HAD ONLY ONE EDITOR HELPING ME FROM PAGE ONE.
AND I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MANY READERS I'VE GOTTEN!
A LOT OF STUFF MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED ALONG THE WAY, AND IT MAY HAVE TAKEN A LONG TIME, BUT I'M JUST HAPPY...
...THAT IT TURNED OUT THE WAY IT DID!

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of

Earthian™

BLU presents the "Secret Garden" collection, a compilation of side stories published throughout the course of the series. These stories focus on the forbidden relationship between Lord Michael and Raphael, and include a never-before-seen bonus story done in 2002 for the re-release of Earthian in this special, deluxe format, illuminating the true, twisted relationship between Michael, Raphael and Lucifel, Michael's estranged sister. The series concludes with the "World's End" bonus chapter, in which the reader is shown where many characters end up several years after the stunning conclusion of volume 3, and we are given a glimpse of a bleak future. Also included are the original "Recipe" notes done by Kouga-sensei for the original Earthian releases.

Interview with Yun Kouga-sensei on the release of the completed Earthian

The **Earthian** series has finally been brought to a close. This series originally started in 1987, and has been a huge hit ever since. Fifteen years after its start, through plenty of ups and downs, it's finally been released in this convenient complete version in 2002, where you can now read the several volumes at once. Now that she's just put down her pen and ink for a moment's rest, we decided to ask the author, Yun Kouga, about **Earthian.**

So, what was the inspiration for writing Earthian?

YUN KOUGA: "I think it was the 50th volume of the magazine **Wings**, and I remember the deadline being close. I only had a month to draw 24 pages. Up until that time, I'd hardly written any of my own original manga, but I just thought hard about it and came up with this."

But I was under the impression Earthian wasn't just something that popped out in a few days. It's a story that seems to have been mulled over and thoroughly planned out.

YK: "I've always liked the whole angel motif, but I didn't want to draw your average angels. In **Earthian**, Chihaya and the others aren't actually angels. They're aliens. And it's not like the angels are that different from humans—so it was a way to use the angel metaphor to draw regular humans.

For example, I wanted to try showing different things by drawing wings. I was trying to draw something **unbelievable.** After all, we don't know what it's like to grow wings, right? That's why I wanted to draw something fantasy-ish.

YK: (continued from previous page) To me, giving my readers the chance to experience something that'd never happen in real life is the best form of entertainment.

And then there's the topic of homosexual love. Loving the opposite sex is fine too, but I was going for a theme of "forbidden love in a chaotic situation." That's why homosexual love came to mind, although my knowledge of homosexual love may be pretty limited. But I didn't want just to jump right to the physical part of it, I wanted to thoroughly write out everything that built their relationship up to that point. It's ultimately about how humans interact with other humans. I've always thought that drawing characters rushing into a relationship was boring, so I ended up creating a story where the act of homosexuality was punishable with the death penalty. I wanted to know what sort of love is so great that you're willing to sacrifice your life for it.

That's what I wished for, as I like my stories to end with happy endings. I always like the story of the ugly duckling that became a beautiful swan."

Your characters also have a lot of charm.

YK: "I'd never drawn these types of characters before, so when I first started, I was pretty bad at handling Chihaya's character. Kagetsuya, on the other hand, was pretty easy to draw, and I felt he was the only type of guy who could handle being Chihaya's partner.

I think that all of my characters have a complex, to some degree, but deep down, I'm hoping that they'll figure out their problems and stay positive. Chihaya's probably the one trying the hardest. Kagetsuya may have his rough points, but he's such a good guy overall, he's probably got some extra to share. See, he tries so hard at times that he gets angry and yells. But even if he's complaining, he's gentle. While Chihaya's the type who does what he wants and drives Kagetsuya crazy. Chihaya actually comes off as a clever bride."

As for Taki and Miyuki, and Miyagi and Aya, it looks like they've got their own "Secret Garden."

YK: "I kept Taki and Miyuki the whole way through the story. My theme was 'Is it possible to understand the love between a human and non-human?'

Chihaya's not an Earthian, but an alien from Eden, and Taki is also a machine, so maybe he's not really an Earthian. This was dealing with the issue of those who aren't Earthian but want to become them. I wanted people to think, "What exactly is an Earthian?" While on Eden, Chihaya was persecuted and mistreated a lot, but after meeting Kagetsuya and Lord Michael, his life turned around. That's when he started to grow. He started to grow into a member of Eden who loved Earth. The planet Eden was already sick and with its dropping birthrate and invasion of the Black Cancer, it started to show signs that it was headed down a dead end. And though everyone fears the Black Cancer as a disease, the Black gene is actually a super form of DNA, which will eventually develop the changes in the angels and Eden will be reborn. Chihaya was the first sign of it. In other words, he is the white swan."

Would Earthian happen to have any connection with your other series, Angel Department, which is currently being released under the title Crimson?

YK: "**Angel Department** isn't the same story, but there is talk of Black Angels showing up, so..."

To wrap this up, we'd like to thank you, honestly, for having written Earthian for so long. As a fan of your work, I consider it an honor that I was put in charge of overseeing the project since it first began, and feel it is truly an unforgettable piece. Thank you very much.

Interviewer / Kou Kanguchi

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